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Prosecutors Say More Than 300 People Under Investigation For Riot At US Capitol So Far. USA Today (1/15, Johnson, Wu, 12.7M) reports the number of investigations into the violence at the US Capitol last week "was expected to top 300 by Friday," as the sprawling inquiry continued to be aided by a deluge of photographs and video evidence, federal authorities said. On the lead CBS Evening News (1/15, lead story, 4:28, O'Donnell, 4.08M) segment, Jeff Pegues reported the number of cases "against people in the mob...is expected to grow exponentially." He added, "Peter Stager, who is seen in this video beating an officer with a flag pole, has been taken into custody. Also charged, Jennifer Leigh Ryan, who traveled to Washington from Texas in a private jet."

On NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 8, 0:40, Holt, 5.57M), Pete Williams reported federal prosecutors said arrests have been made "so far in about a third of them, some of those arrested are cooperating, generating more leads." Williams added that the FBI says it has received an astonishing 140,000 photos and videos to help identify rioters, people are even sending in tips about their own friends and family members. As for whether the rioters had leaders, prosecutors say it may take months to find that out.

However, ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 4, 0:33, Muir, 6.95M) Chief Justice Correspondent Pierre Thomas said that as the cases unfold, the federal prosecutor overseeing the FBI investigation has noticed a disturbing trend — among the mob, the FBI has identified a growing number of former and current law enforcement officers and military officials. On ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 2, 2:53, Raddatz, 6.95M), Martha Raddatz highlighted that "Jacob Chansley, the so-called QAnon shaman," and ret. Air Force Lt. Colonel Larry Brock, who was photographed with zip ties that prosecutors "cited...as evidence of plans to take hostages," both served in the military, while "Jacob Fracker, one of the two Rocky Mountain Virginia policemen arrested, is also a corporal in the Virginia National Guard, off duty at the time."

The AP (1/15, Biesecker, Bleiberg, LaPorta) says its review "of public records, social media posts and videos shows at least 21 current or former members of the U.S. military or law enforcement have been identified as being at or near the Capitol riot, with more than a dozen others under investigation but not yet named."

Meanwhile, a more than 2,000-word Washington Post (1/15, Sheinin, Maese, 10.52M) profile says that with former Olympic gold medalist Katie Keller facing federal charges for his involvement in "last week's abortive insurrection at the Capitol," the questions "haunting his friends, former teammates and coaches are the ones they have struggled to answer: How? And why?" According to the Post, "Among the former teammates, coaches and swimming insiders interviewed for this story, the news was still surprising. Because nothing, they said, revealed any inclination Keller might go so far as to travel from his Colorado Springs home to Washington and join thousands of other Trump supporters in violently protesting the certification of an election the president falsely characterized as fraudulent."

Investigators Examine Role Of Militias in Capitol Violence. The New York Times (1/18, Goldman, Benner, Feuer, 20.6M) reports FBI agents and federal prosecutors "investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol have increasingly shifted their attention to dangerous right-wing extremist groups, arresting several people in recent days suspected of taking part in the violence and of possessing ties to notorious militias such as the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters." The Times adds the arrests "came as investigators gathered evidence to determine whether any of the groups had planned ahead of time to attack the Capitol."

Similarly, the Washington Post (1/16, Barrett, Hsu, 10.52M) reports investigators are "accelerating efforts to determine whether the assault was planned and led by groups of people — rather than an impulsive outburst of violence — particularly because some of the men shown on video laying siege to the building were equipped with handheld radios and headsets and at times appeared to work in unison on particular objectives, investigators said."

WP Post Review: Proud Boys, “Other Fringe Groups” Used Christian Website To Fundraise For “Stop The Steal” Rally Travel. A Washington Post (1/18, Brittain, Willman, 10.52M) review has found GiveSendGo.com, a "self-described Christian website," has "become a refuge of sorts for outcasts and extremists, including fringe groups such as the Proud Boys as well as conspiracy theorists who seek to undercut the results of the presidential election by promoting debunked claims of fraud."

The Post adds fundraising solicitations on GiveSendGo "show that at least $247,000 has been raised for 24 people — including at least eight members of the Proud Boys — who claimed online that the money was intended for travel, medical or legal expenses connected to 'Stop the Steal' events, including the Jan. 6 rally."

Federal Prosecutors See Community Support Identifying Individuals Involved In “Insurrection.” Under the headline “Pushed To The Edge By The Capitol Riot, People Are Reporting Their Family And Friends To The FBI,” the Washington Post
(1/16, Knowles, Vargas, 10.52M) reports that for “relationships already strained or severed, last week’s violent spectacle of democracy under siege has pushed some people to take a drastic new step: warning law enforcement.” According to the Post, “Anguished Americans are turning in friends and family for their alleged involvement in the Capitol riots, contributing to more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI and playing a role in at least one high-profile arrest.”

In a nearly 2,200-word article, the Washington Post (1/16, Kindy, Bellware, Berman, 10.52M) reports “at least 13 off-duty law enforcement officials are suspected of taking part in the riot, a tally that could grow as investigators continue to pore over footage and records to identify participants.” And police leaders have been “turning in their own to the FBI and taking the striking step of reminding officers in their departments that criminal misconduct could push them off the force and behind bars.”

In addition, The Hill (1/16, Klar, 5.69M) reports law enforcement officials “seeking out participants of the riot at the Capitol last week have one big leg up: a plethora of social media posts and data of the suspects they’re searching for,” and the Washington Post (1/16, Hanwell, Bonos, Timberg, 10.52M) reports dating apps “are using images captured from inside the Capitol siege and other evidence to identify and ban rioters’ accounts, causing immediate consequences for those who participated as police move toward making hundreds of arrests.” The Post adds law enforcement officials “would not say how many tips came from dating apps but have said they are reviewing all evidence.”

Meanwhile, Vaughn Hillyard reported on NBC Nightly News (1/16, story 2, 1:27, Hillyard, 5.78M) that federal authorities “have now arrested more than 100 individuals accused of being involved in the insurrection, including Peter Stager of Arkansas.” Stager, according to the FBI, shown beating an officer with an American flag, And Jenna Ryan, a Texas real estate agent, charged after storming the Capitol, telling CBS News: “I was displaying my patriotism when I was there and I was just protesting.” Authorities are still working to identify even more of the insurrectionists, including this man. In new photos released today, the FBI believes he is involved in this video in which officer Daniel Hodges is pinned into a doorjamb.

In additional coverage of those arrested, the New York Times (1/16, Paz, 20.6M) reports that Anthime Joseph Gionet, “a far-right media personality nicknamed ‘Baked Alaska’ who is known for livestreaming himself participating in illegal activity, was arrested by the FBI on Friday and accused of illegally storming the Capitol during the attack on the building by President Trump’s supporters last week.” The Times adds Gionet was arrested in Houston on Friday, according to the Justice Department’s website, and charged with two federal crimes.

According to Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M), Lisa Eisenhart and Eric Munchel, “a mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 – and openly talked of a violent revolution – are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others known and unknown to federal authorities.” In a legal filing, the FBI on Saturday “indicated that...Munchel – who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image – and...Eisenhart would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers’ efforts to certify the presidential election.”

The Hill (1/16, Williams, 5.69M) reports Emily Hernandez, “a Missouri woman seen with a fractured sign” from House Speaker Pelosi’s office, “was hit with five charges on Friday in connection to the riot, according to a court documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.” The Hill (1/16, Folley, 5.69M) also reports that “according to press release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, Dominic ‘Spaz’ Pezzola, 43, was arrested and charged on Friday with unlawful entry, destruction of government property and obstruction of an official proceeding over his alleged criminal activities in the Jan. 6 riot.” The Hill says Pezzola “allegedly discussed killing Pelosi and Vice President Pence.

In a more than 2,700-word front-page article, the Washington Post (1/16, A1, Natanson, Tate, 10.52M) highlights Christian Trabert, the son of the police chief Aberdeen, Maryland, who was among the “mob of [Trump’s] rabid followers” who “invaded” the U.S. Capitol. The Post says that while Trabert “has not been charged in connection with the riot,” local activists have since “bombarded the police department’s Facebook page with comments demanding to know if one of their own had been involved – and what the people in charge were going to do about it.” According to the Post, “Tens of thousands of Americans are asking those same questions in communities across the country as they learn that their colleagues, college friends, kids’ teachers and even parents were among the rioters.”

WPost Analysis: At Least 21 People Who “Breached The Capitol Or Were In The Vicinity Of The Riots” Had Military Service Background. A Washington Post (1/15, Jaffe, Lamothe, Tate, 10.52M) analysis “of individuals who breached the Capitol or were in the vicinity of the riots identified 21 people with some prior military service background. Of the 72 arrested or charged by state and federal authorities through Thursday morning, 11 have military backgrounds.” The Post adds that the Pentagon “hasn’t said how many active-duty troops or reservists are under investigation for any role in the protest or the riots, but homegrown soldiers and white supremacist groups have long targeted veterans for recruitment. And some analysts who track extremist groups warn that the military has been slow to recognize the problem.”

Videos Show Rioter Killed During Attempt To Storm Capitol. The New York Times (1/16, Hill, Ray, Kozlowsky, 20.6M) reports 34-year-old Trump supporter Rosanne Boyland who “died during the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, appears to have
been killed in a crush of fellow rioters during their attempt to fight through a police line, according to videos reviewed by The Times,” which says the “manner of her death had been unclear until The Times discovered that the clothes and backpack strap of a woman in widely circulated videos match those that Ms. Boyland wore in a picture taken of her earlier that day.”

Conservatives Tout Purported Liberal’s Arrest As Evidence Of Antifa Presence, But Utah Activists Contest Narrative. The Washington Post (1/16, Jackman, Lang, Swaine, 10.52M) says a video that he filmed “has placed John Earle Sullivan – ‘Activist John’ – at the center of a conservative campaign to blame liberal groups for the Capitol siege,” and “labeled him in jail.” The Post adds that while the video “attracted the attention of right-wing leaders, including President Trump’s lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who said it showed that antifa was the true organizer of the attack; and Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), Sullivan is hardly a daring of the left.” The Post reports that activists in Utah “have spent months condemning Sullivan, who has at times identified himself as a racial justice protester and leftist documentarian, and they have warned others to be leery of his motives and any events he sponsored.”

“Internet Sleuths” Have Misidentified Some Attendees Of Capitol Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports amateur “internet sleuths” have “identified and shared information on social media about people in photos and videos at the Capitol, leading to a portion of the more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI since the mob attempted to stop the counting of votes in the presidential election,” but “the hurried pace of new information has also increased the dissemination of incorrect names and targeting the wrong people.” According to the Post, “The victims of such false accusations include martial artist and actor Chuck Norris.” On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 6, 2:40, Díaz, 3.39M), Charlie De Mar interviewed a retired Chicago firefighter misidentified as “the man seen in this video throwing a fire extinguisher at police.”

San Francisco Man Charged in Capitol Riot. The San Francisco Chronicle (1/16, Thadani, 2.44M) reports that Daniel Goodwyn, of San Francisco, “who is a self-proclaimed member of the Proud Boys and has fought the city’s coronavirus mask orders among the dozens charged by the FBI for allegedly storming the U.S. Capitol in a violent mob last week.” Authorities identified Goodwyn “as one of the Capitol invaders through a series of videos, Instagram messages and Twitter posts, according to an FBI complaint filed Friday.”

Kentucky Man Faces Charges For Alleged Riot Role. The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/18, Aulbach, 554K) reports that Michael Sparks, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who is “accused of entering the U.S. Capitol through a broken window during the riot earlier this month is the latest Kentucky resident to face federal charges in the fallout from the incident.” The Courier-Journal adds, “Three tipsters reached out to the FBI in the days after the riot, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, to identify Sparks “as the man shown on several videos from the event entering the Capitol building and roaming through the halls.” Sparks “was the first individual to enter the building through the broken window around 2:13 p.m., the affidavit said,” and he “ended up following a group led by Doug Jensen, an Iowan seen in photos confronting Capitol Police officers while wearing a distinct ‘Q’ shirt, through the halls of the building.”

Two Texas Men Charged In Connection With Capitol Attack. The AP (1/18) reports from Dallas, Texas, “The FBI has arrested two more Texas men for alleged crimes related to the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol.” Guy Reffitt “was arrested Friday at his home in Wylie, a city about 35 miles (56 kilometers) northeast of downtown Dallas, according to court records,” and “an FBI spokesman said Matthew Carl Mazzucco, 37, was also arrested without incident in San Antonio on Sunday.” Reffitt, 43, “is charged with obstruction of justice and unlawful entry” after he was allegedly “recorded on video outside the Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot and later threatened his wife and children if they turned him in.” Mazzucco “is charged with unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the FBI spokesman said.”

Louisiana Man Charged in Capitol Riot. The AP (1/18) reports from New Orleans that Cody Connell, of Vivian, Louisiana, who is “charged in the deadly siege on the U.S. Capitol had discussed returning to Washington around the presidential inauguration and bringing rifles, ammunition and body armor, federal authorities said in court records.” A criminal complaint said that Connell “was arrested Saturday on charges including violent entry of Capitol grounds and obstruction law enforcement. Connell posted photos and videos of himself and another man identified by the FBI as his cousin, Daniel Page Adams, outside the Capitol the day of the siege Jan. 6, said an affidavit by FBI agent Michael Sahadi Jr.”

Indiana Man Charged in Capitol Siege. The AP (1/18) reports from Indianapolis, Indiana that Jon Ryan Schaffer, “a heavy metal guitarist who was photographed with the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol and is accused of spraying police officers with a pepper-based bear spray irritant has been arrested, the FBI said.” Schaffer “turned himself in Sunday after he was featured on an FBI poster seeking the public’s help in identifying rioters, said Chris Bavender, a spokeswoman for the FBI’s Indianapolis office” and “has been charged with several felony counts, including engaging in an act of physical violence and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry.”

Iowa Man Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/18) reports that Leo Christopher Kelly, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa “was arrested Monday by federal agents on suspicion of being among those who stormed the U.S. Capitol during a deadly pro-Trump insurrection on Jan. 6.” According to the AP, “The FBI in Omaha, Nebraska, said in a news release that Kelly was
arrested on a federal warrant charging him with three counts: knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without lawful authority, violent entry with the intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.

Colorado Man With Militia Movement Ties Charged In Capitol Siege Probe. The Denver Post (1/18, Schmelzer, 560K) reports that Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colorado, "faces federal charges after investigators allege he assaulted and threatened police officers defending the U.S. Capitol and also climbed through a broken window to enter the building during the Jan. 6 riot that disrupted the certification of the 2020 election." Gieswein "carried a bat during the riot and dressed himself in pseudo-military garb, including a patch for an alleged paramilitary training program he ran in Colorado that federal law enforcement used to identify him, according to a warrant for his arrest." The FBI "used a plethora of video and images taken of Gieswein outside and inside the Capitol to identify him, the affidavit states, as well as an interview Gieswein gave a television journalist the day before the riot during which he referenced anti-Semitic conspiracy theories."

Kentucky College Student Accused Of Stealing Sign During Capital Siege. The Washington Post (1/18, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, "Defending the storming of the U.S. Capitol as ‘cool,’ Gracyn Courtright broadcast her participation on social media — and embraced the firestorm that followed as publicity, the FBI says." The Post adds, "Video from the college student’s Twitter account showed her inside the Capitol building amid chants of ‘whose house, our house,’ according to an affidavit filed in court this weekend." Courtright "faces federal charges, the latest suspect in the Jan. 6 riots who was tracked down in large part because of extensive digital trails — including proud and defiant posts from alleged rioters on social media." The Post notes that Courtright is reportedly a student at the University of Kentucky.

The AP (1/18, Raby) reports that Courtright, 23, "took a ‘Members Only’ sign near the Senate chambers as she accompanied supporters of President Donald Trump in illegally storming the U.S. Capitol, according to federal court documents." Courtright "was charged in a criminal complaint with theft of government property under $1,000, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and knowingly engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any restricted building or grounds." The AP adds, "According to the affidavit, a witness saw a video of Courtright in the halls of the Capitol and messaged her on Instagram asking if she was there. The witness provided a screenshot of the messages to the FBI." The affidavit "said Courtright is a senior at the University of Kentucky. According to the university, she is from Hurricane, West Virginia."

Louisville, Kentucky Man Charged With Participating In Riot. The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/16, Austin, 554K) reports, "Federal investigators have arrested a Louisville man and charged him with disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds." The Courier-Journal adds, "FBI Louisville arrested Damon Michael Beckley in Cub Run on Saturday, according to a tweet from the agency. Beckley is also being charged with unlawful entry of a restricted building." Beckley "had given a viral interview from the U.S. Capitol building during the deadly riot on Jan. 6, saying he wouldn’t put up with ‘tyrannical rule.’ ‘If we’re going to come back here and start a revolution and take all of these traitors out, which is what should be done, then we will!’ he said."

Two New York Men Arrested For Participating In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/17) reports from Albany, New York that "two New York men, Brandon Fellows and Edward Jacob Lang, were arrested this weekend on charges related to the Jan. 6 violent insurrection led by supporters of President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol." Fellows, 26, "was arrested Saturday night by agents from the FBI's Albany office, a bureau spokesperson said." Lang, 25, "was arrested by FBI agents Saturday at his home in New York’s Hudson Valley after he posted photos and videos of himself outside the Capitol, prosecutors said in court papers."

New Mexico County Commissioner Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege. The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (1/17, Carrillo, 188K) reports that Coy Griffin, 47, "an Otero County commissioner who said there could be ‘blood running out’ of the U.S. Capitol building on Inauguration Day was arrested Sunday in Washington, D.C., for his alleged role in the riots at the Capitol earlier this month." FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said Griffin "was detained Sunday afternoon by U.S. Capitol Police, who then notified the FBI. Griffin had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority." An affidavit "for an arrest warrant filed in federal court Friday says FBI agents used videos of Griffin posted on the Cowboys for Trump Facebook page as well as other public statements he made about the riot and the inauguration to bring the charge against him."

The AP (1/17) reports, "According to court documents, Griffin told investigators that he was ‘caught up’ in the crowd, which pushed its way through the barricades and entered the restricted area of the U.S. Capitol, but he said he did not enter the building and instead remained on the U.S. Capitol steps. A video posted to Griffin’s personal Facebook page shows Griffin in the restricted areas, according to the affidavit."

Texas Right-Wing Media Personality Charged In Siege Probe. Reuters (1/16) reports, “Far-right media personality Tim Gionet, who goes by the handle ‘Baked Alaska,’ was arrested on Friday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Houston, Texas, according to documents the agency posted online, and charged with participating in the violent riot on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6.” Reuters adds, “According to a sworn statement filed by an FBI agent, Gionel livestreamed a 27-minute video from
the Capitol using a service called 'DLive.' Gionet did not do much to hide his identity, according to the statement, which noted he “turned the phone around to show his face and is clearly identifiable.”

The AP (1/16) reports, “Gionet faces charges of violent and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.” FBI Special Agent Nicole Miller “said in an affidavit filed in the case that Gionet streamed live for about 27 minutes from inside the Capitol and could be heard encouraging other protesters not to leave, cursing and saying ‘I’m staying,’ ‘1776 baby,’ and ‘I won’t leave guys, don’t worry.’” Miller wrote that Gionet entered various offices and when told by law enforcement officers to move, identified himself as a member of the media,” and “then asked officers where to go before cursing a law officer while alleging the officer shoved him, then leaving the building.”

Texas Man Charged in Siege Probe. The Houston Chronicle (1/15, Tallet, 982K) reports, “Federal authorities on Friday arrested” Joshua Lollar, 39, of Spring, Texas, “in the wake of the Jan. 6 attack at the U.S. Capitol, making him the first in the Houston area to be charged in the deadly insurrection.” Lollar “faces three criminal charges after the FBI combed through his Facebook page and found a myriad of now-deleted posts detailing involvement in the riot, in Washington, D.C., according to court documents. He is one of at least 100 people who have been arrested and 47 charged in federal court over the event, numbers that are expected to mushroom as FBI authorities said they were ‘aggressively’ seeking out people in the violent mob.”

Texas Real Estate Broker Arrested For Role In Siege. The Dallas Morning News (1/15, Jimenez, 772K) reports, “The Frisco real estate broker who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 — and documented it on social media — was arrested after she turned herself in Friday, according to the FBI field office in Dallas.” Jennifer “Jenna” Leigh Ryan, 50, “is charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority” and “disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds,” according to the criminal complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A search warrant was executed on her home in Carrollton, FBI special agent Matt DeSarno said during a news conference Friday evening. She was released from custody and returned home, where she said she wants President Donald Trump to pardon her and everyone involved in the mob.

Mother And Son Face Conspiracy Charges For Role In Capital Siege. Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M) reports, “A mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 — and openly talked of a violent revolution — are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others known and unknown to federal authorities.” Politico adds, “In a Saturday legal filing, the FBI indicated that Eric Munchel — who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image — and his mother Lisa Eisenhart would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers’ efforts to certify the presidential election.” Munchel and Eisenhart “are facing charges of ‘knowingly and willfully conspiring with persons known and unknown’ to impede law enforcement, unlawfully entering a restricted building and violently forcing their way into the halls of Congress.”

Florida Man Allegedly Plotted Attack On Pre-Trump Protesters. The AP (1/15) reports that Daniel Baker, of Tallahassee, Florida, “was arrested Friday and charged with trying to organize an armed response to pro-President Donald Trump protesters expected at the state Capitol on Sunday, the U.S. Attorney’s Office announced.” Baker “was using social media to recruit people in a plot to create a circle around protesters and trap them in the Capitol, according to an affidavit filed by an FBI agent. The court document describes a series of threats of violence and a prediction of civil war. Baker is described as anti-Trump, anti-government, anti-white supremacists and anti-police.”

South Carolina Man Charged In Connection With Capitol Siege. The Columbia (SC) State (1/18, Monk, 330K) reports from Columbia, South Carolina, “Friends and technology have led the FBI to charge a South Carolina man with criminal violations for allegedly being a participant in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot.” Andrew Hatley “drove from his residence in South Carolina on January 5, 2020, in a red Ford Mustang, early 2000s model, to attend the protests for the election,” according to an FBI complaint filed in U.S. District Court.” Hatley “is the first South Carolinian known to be charged in connection with the Jan. 6 riot. Dozens of other people from other states currently face federal charges.”

The AP (1/18) reports, “A witness told investigators that they had known Hatley for ‘several years’ and provided a picture to the FBI which appeared to show Hatley and another man in the U.S. Capitol building in front of a statue of Calhoun, a former vice president and fierce slavery advocate, according to the complaint filed by Special Agent Cassidy Thompson Smith.” FBI agents “said they were able to match Facebook photos of Hatley with images provided by witnesses and captured in surveillance video.
from inside of the crypt at the U.S. Capitol. Authorities used the location data shared by Hatley with one of the witnesses to confirm his cellphone was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 as the mob breached the building, according to the FBI.

**Two Tennessee Men Charged In Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/17) reports from Nashville, Tennessee that Blake Austin Reed, 35, of Nashville, “was charged Sunday with participating in the raid at the U.S. Capitol earlier this month,” federal authorities said. Reed “was arrested by FBI agents in Nashville, said David W. Boling, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office for the Middle District of Tennessee. According to charging documents, Reed was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

The AP (1/15) reports from Memphis, Tennessee, “A second Tennessee man has been arrested and charged with taking part in the raid at the U.S. Capitol last week, federal authorities said Friday.” Matthew Bledsoe, of Memphis, “has been charged with illegally entering or remaining in a restricted building, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the U.S. Justice Department said in a complaint and arrest warrant. The warrant said FBI agents received a tip that Bledsoe had been part of the group that breached the Capitol illegally. Federal authorities released a video compilation that was posted to his Instagram account that included several photos and video shot by Bledsoe, who is seen wearing a Trump 2020 hat.”

**Judge Scuttles House Arrest Plan For Arkansas Man Who Invaded Pelosi’s Office.** The AP (1/17, DeMing) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Chief US District Judge Beryl Howell on Friday night “halted a plan to release and put on house arrest” Richard Barnett, of Gravette Arkansas, who was “photographed sitting at a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office during last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol.” Barnett “will instead be brought to Washington, D.C., immediately for proceedings in his case,” Judge Howell “ordered Friday night, staying a decision by another judge to confine Barnett to his home in Gravette, Arkansas, until his trial.” Judge Howell’s ruling “came hours after U.S. Magistrate Judge Erin Wiedemann in Arkansas set a $5,000 bond for Barnett and ordered that a GPS monitor track his location.”

**Judge Revokes Bond For Indiana Man Charged In Capitol Riot.** The AP (1/15) reports from Hammond, Indiana, that US Magistrate Judge Andrew P. Rodovich “has revoked the bond for” Kash Lee Kelly, 32, “a northwest Indiana man awaiting sentencing in a gang-related case after the FBI charged him for allegedly taking part in the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol.” Judge Rodovich “granted the federal government’s motion Thursday to revoke bond for” Kelly. The AP adds, “The government’s request came after the FBI charged Kelly with federal charges that include unlawful entry to a restricted area for allegedly joining Donald Trump supporters in storming the Capitol, said U.S. District prosecuting attorney David Nozick.”

**Washington Under Heavy Security As Inauguration Nears.** In Washington, Tom Llamas reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 2, 1:55, 4.44M), “a ‘Green Zone’ perimeter has been established, roads shut down,” and the National Guard is “scouring for explosives and extremists.” ABC’s Kenneth Moton: “Extraordinary security in the Nation’s Capital. Officials [are] taking no chances, military reinforcements arriving by the plane load. National Guard troops [are] coming from every corner of the US. ... The 25,000 troops in this city by the inauguration have their orders: Watch for potential threats, look for explosives, protect the Capitol. Authorities say domestic extremists pose the most likely threat.” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): “How serious is our country going to take domestic white extremism? And I think what we saw here last week is that we didn’t take it seriously enough.” Moton: “The large security perimeter or Green Zone already tested. At least three people [have been] arrested in separate incidents, including two men carrying guns and ammunition.”

Gabe Gutierrez reported on NBC Nightly News (1/17, lead story, 2:35, Snow, 3.76M), “Tonight, more than 15,000 National Guard troops are patrolling the Nation’s Capitol. ... But today, armed protests advertised online by far-right extremists did not materialize here.” Scott Pelley reported on CBS 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M) that “tens of thousands of troops” are “all preparing to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. ... But there’s also the dilemma that the security is commanded by President Trump, who encouraged the attack on the Capitol and has relentlessly worked to stop the inauguration of Joe Biden.” Asked if DHS will stand down if Trump orders it to do so, Acting Deputy DHS Secretary Ken Cuccinelli said, “We’re going to complete our jobs. There’s not a stand-down. We have a statutory mission we’re going to perform under all circumstances, and I think that hypothetical is not going to happen.”

Bowser said on NBC’s Meet The Press (1/17, 2.94M) said, “I convened our federal law enforcement partners who are responsible for securing this event, the United States Secret Service. This is a National Special Security Event. More than half of those events have been conducted in Washington DC, and the Secret Service is working with all federal agencies to make this a safe event.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, “Federal officials said they planned to vet hundreds of possible airplane passengers, putting any identified among the violent protesters at the Capitol on Jan. 6 on a ‘no-fly list.’ The Transportation Security Administration said it was increasing the number of federal marshals on flights and of explosive-detection dogs at airports.”
Armed Man, Woman With False ID Arrested Sunday. The Washington Post (1/17, Meckler, 10:52M) reports Guy Berry of Gordonsville, Virginia, "whose Facebook page features a photo from the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol," was arrested near the Capitol complex Sunday, "and police said he was carrying three high-capacity magazines, 37 rounds of unregistered ammunition and a Glock 22 firearm." The Hill (1/17, 5:06M) reports Linda Magavern of Stratford, Connecticut, was also arrested in Washington on Sunday after attempting to pass police barricades while flashing a military police challenge coin and claiming to be a member of both President Trump's Cabinet and law enforcement, U.S. Capitol Police said.

Army, FBI Conduct Additional Screening Of National Guard Deployed To DC For Inauguration. On NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 2, 0:50, 6:27M), Lester Holt reported, "The threat of an inside attack has the Army and FBI screening thousands of National Guard members deployed to Washington." Pete Williams said that members of the National Guard "have been vetted in the past for inaugerals, but this time it is much more extensive." Williams added the Army "says the decision was made to check the backgrounds of thousands more of the Guard members deployed, given that a National Guardsman from Virginia was one of those arrested for entering the Capitol illegally January 6," and the FBI "says retired military members were also among the rioters."

The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt, Steinhauer, Cooper, 20:6M) reports that although it is "still in its very early stages," the FBI investigation "identified at least six suspects with military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault." In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "These people are not representative of our country's military." Milley said most active-duty troops and veterans "continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution."

USA Today (1/18, Baldor, 12:7M) reports Acting Defense Secretary Miller on Monday said, "While we have no intelligence indicating an insider threat, we are leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital" ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration. Miller added, "This type of vetting often takes place by law enforcement for significant security events." The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5:06M) reports Miller thanked the FBI for its assistance and noted that the D.C. National Guard is providing extra training to those coming to the district "that if they see or hear something that is not appropriate, they should report it to their chain of command."

According to CNN (1/18, Cohen, 8:32M) in an online report, "Miller's statement comes hours after the head of the DC National Guard said that the FBI is vetting troops involved in securing the US Capitol to prevent any insider threats." On ABC's Good Morning America, Maj. Gen. William Walker said, "What happens is they're screened before they leave their state and what it is is a credentialing process so they're screened and they're repeatedly screened until they are actually put on the street." CNN adds Walker "did not say that the screening included specific questions about the members' beliefs surrounding the legitimacy of the election, but they are carrying out enhanced background screening."

The Washington Post (1/18, Ryan, 10:52M) states that the "heightened scrutiny of Guardsmen highlights the Pentagon's concerns about growing extremism, including support for white nationalism and anti-government groups, among veterans and serving troops." The Post adds officials "acknowledge that rooting out the problem has proved challenging, which they say reflects larger trends across American society."

The AP (1/17, Baldor) reports, "In a situation like this one, FBI vetting would involve running peoples' names through databases and watchlists maintained by the bureau to see if anything alarming comes up. That could include involvement in prior investigations or terrorism-related concerns," said David Gomez, a former FBI national security supervisor in Seattle."

The Washington Post (1/17, Sonne, Lamonte, Ryan, 10:52M) reports, "All service members go through an annual program that requires them to report any information regarding known or suspected extremist behavior in the ranks, the Army said. The Army also noted that the D.C. Guard is providing additional training as service members arrive in the capital, instructing them to report anything they see or hear that seems inappropriate to the chain of command. There is no place for extremism in the military and we will investigate each report individually and take appropriate action," the Army said in the statement. "The Army is committed to working closely with the FBI as they identify people who participated in the violent attack on the Capitol to determine if the individuals have any connection to the Army."

Pentagon Deploys 750 Active Duty Troops To Support Inauguration Security. Politico (1/18, Seligman, 6:73M) reports the Pentagon has deployed 750 active-duty troops "to support enhanced security measures related to Biden's inauguration, as local law enforcement continues to track threats of violence in the nation's capital in the days leading up to the ceremony, according to two defense officials." Politico adds the troops "include service members with expertise in handling chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosive weapons, as well as explosive ordnance disposal and medical teams skilled in trauma response, said one defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive operations."
FEMA Denies Funding Requests From Maryland, Virginia For Response To Capitol Riot, Inauguration Security.

The Washington Post (1/18, Kunkle, 10.52M) reports the Federal Emergency Management Agency "has denied requests from Maryland and Virginia for an emergency declaration to cover expenses associated with responding to the Capitol riot and increasing security around...Biden’s inauguration." According to the Post, "FEMA’s decision – which both states plan to appeal – could mean the states would not receive federal funds for providing law enforcement personnel and other support to help restore control after pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, and to enhance security for Wednesday’s ceremony."

Blunt, Klobuchar ‘Disappointed’ Trump Not Attending Inauguration.

Blunt, Klobuchar Confident Of Peaceful Transfer Of Power. In a joint interview with CBS Evening News (1/18, story 2, 3:15, O’Donnell, 4.42M), Sens. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), who are responsible for the inauguration, discussed security preparations for the event. Asked if they are confident that there will be a peaceful transfer of power, Blunt said, "I think we’re going with the project to the world exactly the message we want to get to the very spot where so many bad things happened two weeks ago. I think the world is going to see the Constitution and the democracy of our country work." Blunt also said he is “disappointed” that President Trump is not attending the inauguration. Klobuchar added that showcasing the peaceful transfer of power “couldn’t be more important. While the events of January Sixth and the insurrection, I think for a lot of people, they stepped back and reflected and thought, this democracy means something to us.”

DC Residents Frustrated As Increased Security Limits Normal Activities.

According to the New York Times (1/18, Searcey, 20.6M), “Downtown Washington is locked down, boarded up and on guard for the ushering in of the new leader in hopes of preventing a scene like the one that played out to the nation’s horror on Jan. 6 as a mob stormed the Capitol.” The Times reports the increased security has the District “anxious, as rumors spread about threats by domestic terrorists looking to upset the transfer of power,” and “dog walkers, bikers and people out for a stroll have been caught up in a surreal, fortified corn maze of ever-changing metal security barriers across sidewalks and roadways that seem to be open one minute and closed the next.”

Capitol Police Arrest Virginia Man With Handgun, 500 Rounds Of Ammunition At DC Security Checkpoint.

The New York Times (1/16, Bogel-Burroughs, Bonner, 20.6M) reports US Capitol Police on Friday arrested Wesley A. Beeler at a security checkpoint in Washington on Friday after he flashed what an officer described as an ‘unauthorized’ inauguration credential and a search of his truck found an unregistered handgun and ammunition, the authorities said.” The Times adds a federal law enforcement official said...Beeler, 31, worked as a contractor, and that his credential was issued by the Park Police, but was not recognized by the police officer."

The AP (1/16, Balsamo) reports that court documents “say an officer noticed Beeler had ‘firearms-related stickers’ on his vehicle and asked him if he had any weapons inside,” and “say Beeler told the officers he had a handgun under the armrest and police detained him at the scene.” The AP adds that police “found a high-capacity magazine in the 9mm handgun” in his car, “along with more than 500 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle,” and officials “said he didn’t have a license to carry the gun in Washington.”

The Washington Post (1/16, Contrera, Leonnig, Mettler, 10.52M) reports Beeler “was arrested on charges of carrying a pistol without a license, possession of an unregistered firearm and possession of unregistered ammunition, a Capitol Police spokesperson said.” The Post adds that in a “tear-filled interview,” Beeler “said he has spent the past week working as hired security in downtown Washington ahead of the inauguration” and “said he forgot that his firearm was in his truck when he left his home in Virginia, where he said he has a license to carry. He said he realized it was there halfway through his trip but that he was running late, so he didn’t turn around. He denied that he had the more than 500 rounds of ammunition listed in his arrest report.”

The Hill (1/16, Polus, 5.69M) reports Beeler told the Post that he “forgot he had the Glock pistol and ammunition in his truck, and that he was authorized to legally carry the weapon in his home state of Virginia.” He said, “It was just me forgetting to take it out of my truck before I left for work.” Beeler added, “I don’t know what the D.C. laws are. It still comes back on me, but I’m not a criminal.” The Washington Times (1/16, Blake, 629K) says that according to the Post, he "has since been released by a judge on his own recognizance, with no objection from prosecutors."

Bloomberg (1/17, Weiss, Shields, 3.57M) says the arrest comes “at a time of high alert in Washington as it prepares for Wednesday’s inauguration of...Biden” after supporters of President Trump “overran the Capitol on Jan. 6, when lawmakers were meeting to officially recognize Biden’s win.” The Wall Street Journal (1/16, Sykowicz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) and The Hill (1/16, Polus, 5.69M), among other outlets, provide similar coverage.

Transit Officials Preparing For “Potentially Violent” Inaugural Crowd.

 Politico (1/16, Snyder, Beasley, 6.73M) reports, “inaugurals are always crowded affairs with hefty security and complex logistics,” but “the riot at the U.S. Capitol building last week has officials from airports, airlines, transit agencies, Amtrak and more preparing for a repeat, as potentially violent protesters crowd into the city for...Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration.” Politico highlights that among the precautions being taken, “airlines are banning guns and suspending alcohol service,” Amtrak “is beefing up its police force to prepare for anti-mask violence protesters.”
riders,” airports are “creating safe zones” for lawmakers, “and security agencies are calling in extra agents to help keep the peace as Washington, D.C. braces for an Inauguration Day like no other.”

Kenneth Moton reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 3, 0:33, Llamas, 839K), that since “the Capitol riot,” the Transportation Security Administration has been “working with law enforcement, reviewing hundreds of names to see if anyone should be added to the no-fly list.” Moton added that travelers “who fly in and out of the city and to airports across this country will see stepped up security at TSA checkpoints ahead of the inauguration.” In addition, Bloomberg (1/16, Bachman, Levine, Schlangenstein, 3.57M) reports Delta Air Lines Inc. on Friday “followed United Airlines Holdings Inc. in extending a ban on guns in checked baggage to include Richmond, Virginia,” while Southwest Airlines Co. “joined American Airlines Group Inc. in announcing similar restrictions for flights going to three Washington-area airports.” Meanwhile, The Hill (1/16, Axelrod, 5.69M) reports that Amtrak “announced Saturday that its suspending some service south of Washington, D.C., due to security concerns surrounding Wednesday’s inauguration of...Biden.”

Experts Warn Extremists Likely To Use Attack On Capitol To Recruit Members “For Years To Come.” The New York Times (1/16, A1, MacFarquhar, Healy, Kovaleski, 20.6M) reports the diverse “far-right groups and white nationalists emboldened under President Trump” have been “galvanized by the outgoing president’s false claims that the election was stolen from him – and by the violent attack on the nation’s Capitol that hundreds of them led in his name,” which served as “a propaganda coup for the far right, and those who track hate groups say the attack is likely to join an extremist lexicon with Waco, Ruby Ridge and the Bundy occupation of an Oregon wildlife preserve in fueling recruitment and violence for years to come.” The Times adds the removal of extremist groups from Facebook and Twitter “succeeded in disrupting their organizing, experts say, but such efforts have pushed them into tougher-to-track forms of communication including encrypted apps that will make it harder to trace extremist activities.”

On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 2, 2:04, Diaz, 3.36M), Senior Investigative Correspondent Catherine Herridge said US government officials “tell CBS News that recent bulletins from Homeland Security, FBI, and other intelligence agencies conclude the greatest threat to the inauguration is domestic violent extremists, known by law enforcement as DVEs.” Herridge added, “According to a recent intelligence assessment, the conditions that got us here include political division, especially over the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election; grievances over policing and police brutality; the ripple effect of COVID-19 lockdowns; as well as the successful breach of the Capitol building last week. That’s seen as a driver of further violence.”

In addition, the AP (1/16, Reeves, Smyth) reports “war-like imagery” has spread among Republicans “after the attack on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of...Trump’s supporters, with some elected officials and party leaders rejecting pleas to tone down rhetoric calling for a second civil war.” According to the AP, “The heightened rhetoric mimics language far-right extremists and white supremacists have used for years, and it follows a year of civil unrest over the killing of George Floyd, a Black man, by a white police officer and its links to systemic racism.”

Federal Prisons Enter Lockdown Ahead Of inauguration. The AP (1/16, Sisak, Balsamo) reports, “All federal prisons in the United States have been placed on lockdown, with officials aiming to quell any potential violence that could arise behind bars as law enforcement prepares for potentially violent protests across the country in the run-up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday.” The lockdown became effective “at 12 a.m. Saturday, according to an email to employees from the president of the union representing federal correctional officers.” In a statement, the Bureau of Prisons said, “in light of current events occurring around the country, and out of an abundance of caution, the decision has been made to secure all institutions.”

Spokesman Confirms FEMA To Supply National Guardsmen Stationed At US Capitol With Cots. Politico (1/16, Seligman, Bertrand, 6.73M) reports the National Guard is “providing security in the U.S. Capitol ahead of the inauguration are soon getting cots, after images went viral last week of troops sleeping on the floor in the halls of Congress, according to four people familiar with the decision,” and a spokesperson confirmed Saturday that Federal Emergency Management Agency received a formal request through the D.C. Emergency Operations Center for more than 1,200 cots to provide comfort for members of the National Guard supporting law enforcement and the upcoming presidential inauguration in D.C.”

DC Activists Seek To Help Homeless In Anticipation Of Potential Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Swenson, 10.52M) reports the District, “still shaking off the shock of the violent Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, is now preparing for more potential unrest at this week’s presidential inauguration.” And local activists are now “worrying about the D.C. residents who cannot afford to flee the city or lockdown safely at home. If protests again turn ugly during the inauguration, those without shelter could be caught between battling police and extremists or make easy targets for instigators.” The Post highlights that activists collected donated Metro cards “to give D.C.’s homeless population the opportunity to leave the area if they wished to do so.”

Christian Leaders Seek To Use Inauguration Week Prayer Event To Promote Unity. The AP (1/16, Schor) reports that as “a politically divided nation prepares to inaugurate a new president in the wake of a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, a group of Christian leaders is hoping to ease tensions through prayer during three days of ecumenical, nonpartisan
The AP says the #PeaceWithJustice campaign “aims to project spiritual unity and counter people’s feelings of helplessness with action, during a time of high alert with thousands of troops securing the capital following the Jan. 6 violence, which has led to about 120 arrests so far.” The AP says the event, which will be held online, will also coincide with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

March For Life Calls On Supporters Not To Gather In DC This Year Due To Pandemic, Unrest. The AP (1/10, Cryer) reports organizers for “the March for Life, the anti-abortion movement’s preeminent annual event, are asking their supporters nationwide not to gather in Washington this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and political unrest.” The AP adds a “small group of invited anti-abortion leaders” will “instead...march Jan. 29, and the event will be livestreamed, March for Life’s president, Jeanne Mancini, announced Friday.”

NYTimes A1: Security Officials Did Not Notify Congressional Leaders Of Capitol Police’s Request For Backup. The New York Times (1/15, A1, Barnes, Schmidt, Broadwater, Goldman, 20.6M) reports on its front page that in the days prior to “the mob attack on the Capitol, congressional security officials never let House and Senate leaders know that the Capitol Police had warned they might need National Guard backup, according to a congressional aide and other people familiar with the matter.” The Times adds Capitol Police asked the sergeants-at-arms to request that the National Guard be placed on standby, but the sergeants-at-arms, Michael C. Stenger of the Senate and Paul Irving of the House, rejected the request without raising the issue with either the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, or Speaker Nancy Pelosi, according to the aide and another person familiar with the matter.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/15, A1, Leonnig, 10.52M) reports on its front page that on Jan. 3, “an internal Capitol Police intelligence report warned of a violent scenario in which ‘Congress itself could be the target of angry supporters of...Trump on Jan. 6, laying out a stark alert that deepens questions about the security failures that day.” The Post says the 12-page report from the intelligence unit for the congressional police force described how thousands of enraged protesters, egged on by Trump and flanked by white supremacists and extreme militia groups, were likely to stream into Washington armed for battle. This time, the focus of their ire were members of Congress, the report said.

FEMA Employees Reported Official Who Attended Trump’s “Stop The Steal” Rally To DHS IG, FBI. Politico (1/15, Bertrand, Cheney, 6.73M) reports Chris Grisafe, associate administrator for resilience for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, “which has been assisting in preparations for the Inauguration next week, attended President Donald Trump’s ‘Stop the Steal’ rally on Jan. 6,” though he “claimed that he did not move with the crowd from the rally area near the White House to the Capitol grounds.” Politico adds Grisafe’s attendance “alarmed some FEMA staff, according to one person familiar with the matter, and several employees reported it to the DHS Inspector General and the FBI.”

Sund Says Intelligence Did Not Predict “Armed, Violent Attack” On Capitol. On CBS 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M), former US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund was asked about his decision to resign in the wake of the January 6 siege on the Capitol. Sund said, “I understand how things work. I’m the chief. The visuals of what I watched were alarming.” Sund added House Speaker Pelosi went on “national TV and basically made everybody feel that it was a failure on my part. It’s how the leadership feels, then I have no problem. Then, I will step down to let this department move forward.” Asked about a report from his intelligence unit which warned the rally could become violent, Sund said Capitol Police had been “expecting some large crowds,” and knew “some people...may be armed,” but there was no intelligence about an armed, violent attack on the United States Capitol building.

Reporter’s Footage Shows Capitol Violence. The New Yorker (1/17, Gessen, 5.31M) reports that its contributing writer Luke Mogelson attended President Trump’s speech on Jan. 6 and then “followed the President’s supporters as they forced their way into the U.S. Capitol, using his phone’s camera as a reporter’s notebook.” Tom Llamas said in the lead ABC World News Tonight (1/17, lead story, 4:50, 4.44M) story that the New Yorker video includes “disturbing new footage...of the Capitol riots, images not yet seen of violent clashes and the buildings were breached and members of the mob filled the Senate chamber outnumbering police and revealing their disturbing intentions, what they were saying as they ransacked the Senate and the threat of more attacks.” ABC’s Matt Gutman added the video shows the “mob invading the Capitol with sinister intent” and he described Mogelson as “a silent witness as they rifle through senators’ documents like a squad of amateur spies.”

On NBC Nightly News (1/17, story 2, 2:30, Snow, 3.76M), Vaughn Hillyard also said the “shocking video” shows “Trump supporters climbing through the busted doors and windows,” and “threatening the police,” and “claiming Sen. Ted Cruz is on their side.” Hillyard added, “One man, Jake Angeli, with clear contempt for Vice President Pence, taking a seat in his chair.” According to Hillyard, the videos have been helping the FBI, which “says that they have received 150,000 photo and video tips related to the attack so far. And authorities say they still are working on more than 300 open cases.”
WPost: Attack On Capitol Reinforces Need For Federal Law Enforcement To Use Body Cameras. The *Washington Post* (1/17, 10.52M) editorializes that the resistance of federal law enforcement to wearing body cameras on January 6 "got renewed attention with the assault on the Capitol by supporters of President Trump seeking to overturn the results of the presidential election." The Post adds that despite the footage from journalists and those involved in the riot, "there was no footage from the Capitol Police who were on the front lines of the insurrection. Had they been equipped with body cams, questions about their actions -- as well as information about the atrocities committed against them -- would have been easier to answer."

**DOJ, DHS And Pentagon IGs To Probe Capitol Security Failures.** The *AP* (1/15, Tucker,  Balsamo) reports that "federal watchdogs launched a sweeping review of how the FBI, the Pentagon and other law enforcement agencies responded to the riot at the U.S. Capitol, including whether there were failures in information sharing and other preparations that left the historic symbol of democracy vulnerable to assault." The AP adds the investigations by the inspectors general "for the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, Interior and Defense, could result in searing criticism of the government's handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials." The AP adds that the reviews "will encompass everything from whether the FBI adequately shared information with other law enforcement agencies about the potential for violence to how the Pentagon mobilized for the Jan. 6 crisis."

The *New York Times* (1/15, Benner, Thrush, 20.6M) states that in the days since "the attack, it has become clear that federal agencies, including the F.B.I., did not do enough to heed alarms, raised within the bureau itself, that far-right extremists allied with President Trump planned to attack the Capitol." The Times reports that "several people on a terrorist watch list were also in Washington for the rally by Mr. Trump that devolved into the assault." The Times adds that "questions have arisen about the Pentagon's delay in sending national guard troops to help Capitol Police officers."

According to the *Washington Post* (1/15, Barrett, Ryan, 10.52M), "The announcement of such a probe, as the FBI's sprawling national investigation into the attack is barely a week old, underscores the degree of concern in government circles that vital intelligence may have been missed or mishandled." The Post says "law enforcement officials insisted Friday that effort was only gaining steam, saying they have filed 98 criminal cases against people, and opened nearly 300 cases on individuals under investigation for rioting. Those figures, they said, would continue to grow as they examine more than 100,000 tips received from the public."

The *New York Times* (1/15, Sullivan, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that the FBI "has conducted dozens of interviews in the killing of the Capitol Police officer who died after confronting the pro-Trump mob last week and other assaults on law enforcement during the violence." According to the Times, "An earlier F.B.I. memo, sent to the private sector and others, had wrongly said that the bureau was investigating 37 people in the death of the officer, Brian Sicknick, but it relied on incorrect internal information." The Times says it is "not clear how many people the F.B.I. have identified who might have information about Mr. Sicknick's killing."

Meanwhile, the *Washington Post* (1/15, Weiner, 10.52M) reports a Capitol Police officer "shook hands with two people in the mob and admitted defeat, according to two men interviewed by the FBI for their involvement in the riot. The Post adds that while "no specific officer is identified in charging papers by federal law enforcement officials, who are relying on the defendants' own recounting of their experience inside the Capitol," other court documents "describe Capitol Police officers' failed attempts to hold back the crowd." However, the *Wall Street Journal* (1/15, Hobbs, Grimadi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports in an exclusive that LT Tarik Khalid Johnson, a Capitol Police officer who was suspended after wearing a red Make America Great Again hat during the unrest, claimed he wore the MAGA hat in a bid to reach an assist his colleagues, "and one witness said the lieutenant's action enabled a set of doors to the Capitol to be closed, shutting off an entry point to more intruders."

The *Politico* (1/15, Niedzwiedek, 6.73M) reported that the DOJ "announced Friday it has initiated an internal review of its response to the Jan. 6 incursion on the U.S. Capitol building, as the federal government takes a hard look at its failure to prevent a deadly riot that breached the halls of Congress." DOJ IG Michael Horowitz "said that the investigation will examine the intelligence the department had preceding the deadly riots, how it distributed that information with other agencies, and actions during the crisis."

The *Hill* (1/15, Beitisch, Chaffant, 5.86M) reported Horowitz published a statement, saying, "The DOJ OIG review will include examining information relevant to the January 6 events that was available to DOJ and its components in advance of January 6; the extent to which such information was shared by DOJ and its components with the U.S. Capitol Police and other federal, state, and local agencies; and the role of DOJ personnel in responding to the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6."
Reuters (1/15) reported that the probe will “be coordinated with other federal agencies whose law enforcement arms were also involved in responding to the assault, including the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior.” The AP (1/15) reported that the investigation “could result in searing criticism of the government’s handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials.”

**House Committees Open Investigations Into Capitol Hill Siege.** The Hill (1/16, 5.59M) reported that the House Intelligence Committee, Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Oversight and Reform Committee have “announced a review of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.” The panel’s “sent a letter to the nation’s top law enforcement and intelligence officials asking for documents into what ‘warning signs’ were missed prior to the riot, if there were ‘systemic failures’ and how to best address ‘countering domestic violent extremism.’” The letter “called for documents and briefings from the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Counterterrorism Center and the Director of National Intelligence on what was known ahead of the attack.”

CNBC (1/18, Higgins, 7.34M) reported that the committees wrote, “This still-emerging story is one of astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent and high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness.”

Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M) reports House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff, Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, Oversight Chairman Carolyn Maloney, and Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson on Saturday announced “an investigation into ‘high-level failures’ of intelligence and security planning that left the Capitol vulnerable to insurrection on Jan. 6.” They wrote, “This still-emerging story is one of astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent and high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness.” They also pledged to “conduct robust oversight to understand what warning signs may have been missed, determine whether there were systemic failures, and consider how to best address countering domestic violent extremism, including remediying any gaps in legislation or policy.”

Meanwhile, Kenneth Moton reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 2, 1:19, Moton, 839K) that the FBI “is investigating whether lawmakers aided pro-Trump rioters by giving building tours the day before.” In addition, the FBI “is investigating whether foreign governments, organizations or individuals provided financial support to extremists who helped plan and execute the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, one current and one former FBI official told” NBC News (1/18, Dilanian, 4.91M), which reports the bureau “is examining payments of $500,000 in bitcoin, apparently by a French national, to key figures and groups in the all-right before the riot, the sources said.”

In a nearly 2,400-word front-page article, the New York Times (1/16, A1, Kirkpatrick, McIntire, Tiebert, 20.6M) reports, “Much is still unknown about the planning and financing of the storming of the Capitol, aiming to challenge Mr. Trump’s electoral defeat. What is clear is that it was driven, in part, by a largely ad hoc network of low-budget agitators, including far-right militias, Christian conservatives and ardent adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory.” According to the Times, “The sheer breadth of the movement...suggests it may be far more difficult to confront than a single organization.”

**FBI Investigating Whether Rioter Took Laptop From Pelosi’s Office.** On the lead NBC Nightly News (1/18, lead story, 3:16, Holt, 6.27M) story, Tom Costello reported that as of Monday, “at least 139 have been arrested by the FBI and DC police. At least 330 open FBI cases.” Costello added Riley June Williams is “facing multiple charges including assaulting police,” and Reuters (1/18, Wolfe) reports the FBI is investigating if she “took a laptop computer or hard drive from” House Speaker Pelosi’s office “during the Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol and tried to sell the device to Russian intelligence, according to a court filing.”

However, the AP (1/18) reports the FBI “said in an arrest warrant Sunday [that] Williams hasn’t been charged with theft but only with illegally entering the Capitol and with disorderly conduct.” USA Today (1/18, Brown, 12.7M) reports Williams “can be seen directing rioters towards Pelosi’s office in footage obtained by the FBI.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Rector, 3.37M) reports, “A romantic partner of Williams’ told the FBI that the Harrisburg, Pa., resident ‘intended to send the computer device to a friend in Russia, who then planned to sell the device to SVR, Russia’s foreign intelligence service,’ an agent wrote.” The FBI is so far “unable to confirm the tip,” wrote FBI agent Jonathan Lund, who added that Williams had deleted her social media accounts and appeared to be on the run.

The Washington Post (1/18, Hsu, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, “Williams can be seen in an ITV News video posted to YouTube, taken from inside the Capitol, wearing a green T-shirt and a brown trench coat with a zebra-print bag, directing rioters up a staircase toward Pelosi’s office, the FBI said.” The woman in the video “can be seen pushing people forward amid a crowd,” and other “video and photographs capture Williams entering or inside the Capitol, according to law enforcement.” An FBI agent
said police in Harrisburg confirmed Williams's father, of Camp Hill, Pa., that the pair drove to Washington for the Jan. 6 demonstration and then back home but did not stay together during the event.

Also reporting are the Philadelphia Inquirer (1/18, Roebuck), The Hill (1/18, Williams, 5.69M), the Daily Beast (1/18, Ross, 933K), and CNN (1/18, Polantz, 89.21M).

US Attorney For DC Downplays Claims Rioters Had Coordinated Plots To Kidnap Or Kill Officials.

The AP (1/15, Richer, Sill cadre) reports that while federal prosecutors on Thursday "said there was 'strong evidence' the pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week aimed to capture and assassinate elected officials," they 'backed away from the allegation after the head of the investigation cautioned Friday that the probe is still in its early stages and there was no 'direct evidence' of such intentions.'

While the Washington Post (1/15, Amus, 10.52M) reports the court filing "said [Chansley] left an ominous note for Vice President Pence at his desk in the Senate chamber," Assistant US Attorney Todd Allison on Friday "walked back the claim of an assassination plot, saying that while it 'may very well be appropriate at a trial,' raising it at this stage could 'mire the court.'" In addition, Reuters (1/15, Wolfe, Lynch) reports Michael Sherwin, the US Attorney for the District of Columbia, on Friday "said there is currently no direct evidence of efforts to capture or assassinate lawmakers in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol." However, the Wall Street Journal (1/15, Gurman, Viswanath, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Sherwin conceded, "There are breadcrumbs of organization." CNBC (1/15, Mangan, 7.34M) reports on its website that a judge ordered Chansley on Friday to be held without bail "after prosecutors presented evidence he stormed into the Senate and left a menacing note for...Pence during a riot by pro-Trump supporters." Meanwhile, Politico (1/15, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports Richard Barnett, "an Arkansas man who became one of the most recognized figures in last week's Capitol riot after being photographed propping his feet up on a desk in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office," on Friday received "the permission of a magistrate judge to return home to await trial on charges of entering Capitol grounds with a stun-gun, disorderly conduct and theft," but the ruling was "overturned hours later."

Pelosi Iggests Some Members Of Congress May Have Been “Accomplices To This Insurrection.”

The AP (1/15) reports House Speaker Pelosi on Friday suggested "there may be a need to prosecute members of Congress if any are found to have assisted the pro-Trump rioters in last week's attack on the Capitol." The AP says her remarks "underscore some Democrats' suggestions that some GOP lawmakers helped" President Trump's supporters believe "Trump's false charges that his presidential election loss was due to vote fraud," and they "also highlight the extraordinary distrust and anger that's grown in Congress since the attack, which led to this week's House impeachment of Trump."

Reuters (1/15, Cornwall) reports Pelosi was "asked whether any actions would be taken against lawmakers who may have brought tours to the Capitol on Jan. 5, the day before the attack by pro-Trump rioters." Pelosi responded, "If in fact it is found that members of Congress were accomplices to this insurrection, if they aided and abetted the crimes, there have to be actions taken beyond the Congress, in terms of prosecution for that." According to Reuters, Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) "has accused Republicans of inciting the Trump supporters, saying she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the Capitol the day before the attack," while "more than 30 House Democrats have asked the acting House and Senate sergeants-at-arms and the acting head of the Capitol Police for information about who was in the building on Jan. 5." On the CNN Evening News (1/15, story 4, 1:12, O'Donnell, 4.08M), Nancy Cordes reported: "Several lawmakers or their aides have told us that they saw large groups in House office buildings, in violation of House rules the day before the riots."

The Washington Post (1/15, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) "came out swinging to deny any involvement in that incident, although no Democrats have publicly named her." The Post adds the "gun rights advocate with links to the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory...said the allegations have been falsely linked to her." In a letter to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Boebert wrote, "You said that you could ‘confirm’ a Member of Congress gave tours to ‘Insurrectionists’ and implied I was that Member of Congress." She added, "I did not conspire with criminals that attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6. I have never given a tour of the U.S. Capitol to any outside group or ‘insurrectionists.’"

Meanwhile, Tom Costello reported on NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 7, 1:40, Costello, 5.57M) that Capitol Police and the FBI told NBC News they are investigating whether Republican members of Congress aided the mob. The New York Times (1/15, Brodwater, Fandos, 20.6M) reports the Capitol Police probe "came to light as...Pelosi announced that she had named Russel L. Honoré, a retired Army lieutenant general, to lead a security review of the Capitol in the wake of the riot."


CNN (1/18, Sciutto, Nobles, Grayer, 89.21M) reports on its website that Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) on Monday accused Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) of "guiding a group of people through the Cannon House Office Building tunnel in the days leading up the Capitol insurrection on January 6." On CNN Newsroom, Cohen said he and Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) saw Boebert "taking a group of
people for a tour sometime after the 3rd and before the 5th." He added, "Whether these people were people that were involved in
the insurrection or not, I do not know." CNN says his claim "is significant because it is the first time a member of Congress has
specifically accused another member of giving a tour of the Capitol complex prior to the riot." However, Boebert responded, "The
only people I have ever had in the Capitol with me during the 117th Congress are my young children, husband, mom, aunt and
uncle."

WPost A1: Rioters Came "Perilously Close" To Pence.  The Washington Post (1/15, A1, Parker, Leonnig, Kane, Brown, 10.52M), citing "law enforcement officials and video footage," reports on its front page that "the violent mob that stormed
the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 came perilously close to Vice President Pence, who was not evacuated from the Senate chamber for
about 14 minutes after the Capitol Police reported an initial attempted breach of the complex — enough time for the marauders to
rush inside the building and approach his location." According to the Post, "Secret Service officers eventually spirited Pence to a
room off the Senate floor with his wife and daughter after rioters began to pour into the Capitol, many loudly denouncing the vice
president as a traitor as they marched through the first floor below the Senate chamber." The Post adds, "About one minute after
Pence was hustled out of the chamber, a group charged up the stairs to a second-floor landing in the Senate. ... Pence and his
family had just ducked into a hideaway less than 100 feet from that landing." CNBC (1/15, Pramuk, 7.34M) has similar reporting
about the rioters' proximity to Pence.

Kamala Harris (D-CA) in an NPR interview on Thursday "said seeing photographs of rioters carrying the Confederate flag
through the Senate hallsways during last week’s pro-Trump siege at the Capitol was a reminder that 'we still have a lot of work to
do.'" Harris said, "It was the same thing that went through my mind when I saw Charlottesville. I mean, it's the same thing that went through my mind when I saw a picture of Emmett Till." She continued, "Sadly, it is not the first time I have seen a
demonstration like what you are describing in the history of our country." Harris added, "It is a reminder that we still have a lot of
work to do."

WPost Analysis: "Established Conservative Insiders And Activists" Planned January 6 Rallies. According to the Washington Post (1/17, O'Harrow, 10.52M), "The fiery rallies that preceded the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on
Jan. 6 were organized and promoted by an array of established conservative insiders and activists, documents and videos show. The Post highlights that the Republican Attorneys General Association "was involved, as were the activist groups Turning
Point Action and Tea Party Patriots. At least six current or former members of the Council for National Policy (CNP), an influential
group that for decades has served as a hub for conservative and Christian activists, also played roles in promoting the rallies."

Per the Post, the rallies "were staged not by white nationalists and other extremists, but by well-funded nonprofit groups and
individuals that figure prominently in the machinery of conservative activism in Washington," but it concedes "organizing warm-up
events is not the same thing as plotting to invade the Capitol."

AP Review: Some Former Trump Campaign Aides Had Staffed Rally Prior To Capitol Violence.  An AP (1/17,
Lardner, Smith) review has found "more than half a dozen" members of President Trump's reelection campaign "played key roles in
orchestrating the Washington rally that spawned a deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol," which "undeniably claims the event
was the branchchild of the president's grassroots supporters." The AP says that although Women for America First, "a pro-Trump
nonprofit," had hosted the "Save America Rally" on Jan. 6, "an attachment to the National Park Service public gathering permit
granted to the group lists' former campaign staff as staffers for the rally; and at least one was working for the Trump campaign
this month," while "at least three of the Trump campaign aides named on the permit rushed to obscure their connections to the
demonstration."

Sunday Protests At Capitols Across US Were Small And Nonviolent.  The AP (1/17) reports, "Small groups
of right-wing protesters — some of them carrying rifles — gathered outside heavily fortified statehouses around the country
Sunday, outnumbered by National Guard troops and police brought in to prevent a repeat of the violence that erupted at the U.S.
Capitol. As darkness fell, there were no reports of any clashes." The Los Angeles Times (1/17, 3.37M) reports, "Fears of major
protests by armed, far-right Trump supporters outside the Capitol and at state capitols Sunday proved unfounded, with only small
groups, some carrying weapons, gathering in a handful of cities."

Trevor Ault reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 3, 1:35, Llamas, 4.44M) that in "a stunning show of force,
heavily armed law enforcement surround[ed] state capitols, bracing for potentially dangerous demonstrations. ... Small crowds of
Trump supporters protest[ed] in half a dozen states, many of them armed but peaceful." David Begnaud said on the CBS
Weekend News (1/17, lead story, 3:20, 1.3M), "Around the country today, there was outrage, but no protests. The FBI had
warned that the far-right group the Boogaloo Boys might show up at capitols around the country today to protest. Sure enough,
they came" to Lansing, Michigan, "but they were small in number, and it was all peaceful."
The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, "In the end, it was for a handful of protesters, most from the right, a few from the left, many looking more like ragtag stragglers than the furious mob of Trump supporters that ransacked the U.S. Capitol" on January 6. In Concord, New Hampshire, "five masked men dressed in tactical gear and carrying assault rifles gathered on the sidewalk in front of the statehouse to express concerns about "government overreach." In Lansing, "National Guard soldiers watched as a dozen members of the far-right Boogaloo Boys group showed up with military-style weapons." The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) reports that in Annapolis, Maryland, "where local police, state troopers and National Guardsmen were protecting the Maryland State House, the most rambunctious activity came from local dogs that wanted to greet the bomb-sniffing canines patrolling the area."

The Chicago Tribune (1/17, 2.03M) reports that in Springfield, Illinois, "there were no demonstrations, with the exception of a man who waved a 'Black Lives Matter' flag in front of the 153-year-old home of the General Assembly for a few minutes Sunday and then left." The San Francisco Chronicle (1/17, 2.44M) reports that in Sacramento, California, "the only political presence of any kind was supplied by Christian Alvarado, who stood in front of the Capitol with an American flag and a yellow mask scrawled with 'E Pluribus Unum,' to show his support for lawmakers, police and the National Guard troops who were protecting the statehouse."

The Detroit Free Press (1/17, 2.16M) reports, "As of 3 p.m., there were no violent incidents nor arrests at the Capitol building in Lansing, Michigan, "as almost all protesters had already left the building and its surrounding area." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/17, 1.46M) reports "two men armed with rifles over their shoulders showed up" at the Capitol building in Atlanta. Shortly before they arrived, "six protesters walked up, chanting: 'Black lives matter!' and 'No justice, no peace, no racist police!' The group marched around the Capitol as they chanted."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/17) reports the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Capitol complex "was closed to the public and largely empty, save for police, national guardsmen and reporters and photographers, many of whom gathered around a lone protester named Alex." In Trenton, New Jersey, "a lone protester with a 'Stop the Steal' sign loitered for less than half an hour in front of the New Jersey State Senate Annex Sunday morning." The Boston Globe (1/17, 1.04M) reports "no protesters were visible" in the vicinity of the Massachusetts Capitol.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/17, 8.55K) reports "a small number of people" turned out at the Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota. USA Today (1/17, 12.7M) has an online summary of protest activity across the nation on Sunday. Reuters (1/17), the Wall Street Journal (1/17, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Politico (1/17, 8.73M), and The Hill (1/17, 5.69M) also report.

Annual Virginia Pro-Gun Event Much Smaller In Wake Of Capitol Siege. Reuters (1/18, Harte, Chavez) reports that only a dozen gun-rights activists converged in Richmond, Virginia, on Monday for the "Lobby Day" annual demonstration that typically draws thousands, with the protest dampened by tensions in the wake of the siege of the US Capitol. Of the 50 protesters who did attend, many were "from the far-right Proud Boys and anti-government boogaloo movement who were openly carrying semi-automatic weapons."

USA Today (1/18, Bacon, Carless, 12.7M) reports the event was organized by the gun-rights group Virginia Citizens Defense League. The group said in a statement, "We want everyone to know that we are coming to Richmond so we will be in vehicles decked out with VCDL signs and flags. We will form caravans coming from all four corners of the state, with people joining in all along the way." The Washington Post (1/18, Schneider, Vozzella, 10.52M) reports that "a day officials had feared could descend into anti-government violence settled into something stranger, as a sideshow of heavily armed protest groups held competing news conferences outside Capitol Square before throngs of media and an even greater number of police."

The Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (1/18, 401K) reports that Del. Kirk Cox (R), "a GOP candidate for governor, supports gun rights, but Monday he called out the Boogaloo Boys who showed up in Richmond Monday on his Twitter account." He said, "These people aren't protestors, they're provocateurs. They're not welcome at our Capitol and they need to go home before someone gets hurt. Grateful for our law enforcement officers and their work to keep us safe." Fox News (1/18, Attkten, 23.99M) reports on its website that "a Black Lives Matter counterprotest of some dozen or two dozen members also appeared, though by midday the groups had not interacted."

Michigan Senate Majority Leader Advised Militia Leaders In September. Michigan Advance (1/18) reports that the month "before 13 men were charged by state and federal law enforcement for a far-right plot to allegedly kidnap and execute" Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) "had a sitdown conversation with leaders of three Michigan-based militias." However, according to the Advance, the September meeting "was not the first time Shirkey was arm-in-arm with militia members."

Pentagon Increases Efforts To Identify Far-Right Extremism In Ranks. The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt,Steinhauer, Cooper, 20.6M) reports, "The Pentagon is intensifying efforts to identify and combat white supremacy and other far-right extremism in its ranks." Although it is "still in its very early stages," the FBI investigation "identified at least six suspects with
military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault. In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “These people are not representative of our country’s military” and “said most active-duty troops and veterans ‘continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution.”

Barr Reportedly Told Trump In December Theories About Stolen Election Were False. The Hill (1/18, Byrnes, 5.69M) reports that former AG Barr “reportedly pushed back strongly on President Trump when discussing claims the president was circulating about the election being ‘stolen’ from him,” according to Axios. In early December, Barr “told the president that such theories of a stolen election were [b-s-e-f-i].” Other aides at the meeting, including White House counsel Pat Cipollone, were reportedly surprised that the attorney general had made the comment, though did not disagree with his remarks. Barr reportedly told Trump that his allegations of widespread voter fraud were not “panning out” and “the stuff that these people are filling your ear with just isn’t true.” The AG “reportedly emphasized that the DOJ had reviewed the major claims put forward by the president’s lawyers.”

DOJ Releases More Than 121 Pages Of Mueller Team’s Flynn Interviews. The Washington Examiner (1/18, Dunleavy, 888K) reports that DOJ last week released “more than 100 pages of FBI interview notes from retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn’s discussions with special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigative team in 2017 and 2018.” The 121 pages of records “detail 14 interviews that the former Trump national security adviser had with Mueller’s investigative team – five in November 2017, three in January 2018, one in April 2018, four in May 2018, and one in September 2018.”

Graham Releases Documents From Russia Probe Leading To Additional Revelations. In an exclusive, Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports, “Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham on Friday released a slew of additional documents and transcripts related to his panel’s investigation into the origins and aftermath of the Trump-Russia probe.” Graham called “the original probe ‘one of the most incompetent and corrupt investigations in the history of the FBI and DOJ.’” Graham “released transcripts of interviews with FBI and Justice Department officials conducted by the committee, between March 3, 2020 and October 29, 2020,” pertaining to “Crossfire Hurricane.”

The Washington Examiner (1/15, Dunleavy, 888K) reports, “The transcripts included interviews with former top DOJ official Bruce Ohr, who had acted as a secret back channel for British ex-spy Christopher Steele and who resigned in September, and Dana Boente, the former FBI general counsel and briefly acting attorney general.” Boente, “along with Comey, signed off on the second renewal for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrants targeting former Trump campaign associate Carter Page.” Last week, other witness transcripts released “include Michael Steinbach, the former FBI executive assistant director who had concerns about Strzok and former FBI lawyer Lisa Page working together and Stuart Evans.” Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/15, Ross, 375K).

The Daily Caller (1/17, Ross, 375K) reports separately that Michael Gaeta, a “veteran FBI agent who served as handler for Trump dossier author Christopher Steele,” told a “Senate panel that he viewed the ex-British spy as ‘completely untrustworthy,’” according to the documents. Gaeta “served as a liaison between Steele and the Crossfire Hurricane team that investigated possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian government. He was the first FBI agent to receive copies of a dossier that Steele compiled on Donald Trump as part of an investigation funded by the Clinton campaign and DNC.” Reporting similarly is the Washington Examiner (1/18, Dunleavy, 888K).

Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports separately, “An agent involved in the FBI’s original Trump-Russia case left the Crossfire Hurricane team amid a ‘professional disagreement’ with Bill Priestap, after the former assistant director of counterintelligence denied his request for an ‘enhanced validation review’ of Christopher Steele’s reporting,” according to the documents released last week. The agent testified, “I had questions about our intel validation ongoing in the Counterintelligence Division, and all of that contributed to my professional disagreement.” Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/18, Ross, 375K).

US Grand Jury Indictment Charges Pair Of Hawaii Men With Hate Crime Stemming From 2014 Incident. The AP (1/15, McAvoy) reports, “A U.S. grand jury indictment unsealed Friday charged two Hawaii men with one count of a hate crime after they allegedly attacked a white man who was attempting to move into their Maui neighborhood.” According to the AP, “Court documents said Kaulana Alo Kaanohi and Levi Aki, Jr. punched, kicked and used a shovel to beat a man identified only as C.K., who was knocked unconscious.” Moreover, prosecutors said that C.K. sustained a concussion as well as a pair of broken ribs. The incident occurred during February of 2014.
Americans Being Targeted By COVID Vaccine Scams. Nighy Navy (UI, story 7, 2:24, Diaz-Balart, 5.78M) reported on “alarming COVID vaccine scams asking for your health and financial information and promising appointments for doses that simply don’t exist.” According to correspondent Jo Ling Kent, a large number of “Americans eligible for the vaccine” have been “targeted by a growing number of scams through social media, e-mail, phone calls and texts. The Department of Health and Human Services says cases are rising with scammers chasing your social security number, bank information and medical identity.” Kent asked HHS Office of Inspector General Assistant Special Agent in Charge Nenette Day, “What are some of the examples of scams that you’re seeing?” Day said, “We have had people say that they signed up for that vaccine trial, they gave their bank account information, and that money was taken out of their bank account.”

Trump Administration Revokes Licenses To Sell To Huawei. Citing “people familiar with the matter,” Reuters (1/17) reports that the Trump Administration has notified Huawei suppliers, including Intel, “that it is revoking certain licenses to sell to the Chinese company and intends to reject dozens of other applications to supply the telecommunications firm.” The move against Huawei, which Reuters says is the last under President Trump, “is the latest in a long-running effort to weaken the world’s largest telecommunications equipment maker, which it says is a threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests.” Reuters cites “sources familiar with the situation” who “said there was more than one revocation. One of the sources said eight licenses were yanked from four companies.”

Pandemic, Protests Led To Record Gun Sales In 2020. The Washington Post (1/18, Fisher, Berman, Spolar, 10.52M) report “gun sales typically soar in the weeks following the election of a Democratic president...but a Washington Post analysis of gun sales in 2020 finds no such surge in recent weeks.” Rather, purchases soared in March and April as the pandemic surged and then again in June “in the weeks after massive protests against police brutality spread throughout the nation.” While sales continued at a high rate in November and December, “the numbers didn’t come close to spikes seen earlier in the year.” Overall, 2020 gun sales (23 million) represents a 94% increase over 2019 sales.

Trump Expected To Issue “Around 100 Pardons And Commutations” Tuesday. On the CBS Weekend News (1/17, story 3, 0:30, 1.3M), Jericka Duncan asked, “With just two full days left in office, are we still expecting more pardons or commutations from President Trump?” CBS’ Ben Tracy answered, “We are. Sources close to President Trump say a final batch of pardons is still coming. The big question is who is going to get one. The President might pardon his former political adviser Steve Bannon, who is now charged with mail fraud and money laundering. There is also the possibility that the President could try to preemptively pardon some of his adult children, or even himself.” CNN (1/17, Diamond, Liptak, Gangel Brown, 89.21M) reports on its website that Trump “is preparing to issue around 100 pardons and commutations on his final full day in office Tuesday, according to three people familiar with the matter.” The “final batch of clemency actions is expected to include a mix of criminal justice reform-minded pardons and more controversial ones secured or doled out to political allies.” CNN adds that Julian Assange is “not currently believed to among the people receiving pardons,” and it is “not certain whether [Bannon] will receive a pardon.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.5M) reports that “a lucrative market for pardons is coming to a head, with some of his allies collecting fees from wealthy felons or their associates to push the White House for clemency, according to documents and interviews.” The Times says that “reflects the access peddling that has defined Mr. Trump’s presidency.” Axios (1/17, 1.26M) reports, “A flood of convicted criminals has retained lobbyists since November’s presidential election to press President Trump for pardons or commutations before he leaves office.”

Trump Planning Joint Base Andrews Farewell Ceremony Wednesday Morning. Norah O’Donnell reported on the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 4, 1:45, 4.42M), “On this day of national service, we did not see President Trump at all. Instead, with just hours left in his term tonight, President Trump is mulling over how many pardons he should issue and who should get them, and it could be a long list.” Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:26, Muir, 7.64M) that Trump is “planning a farewell ceremony for himself at Joint Base Andrews, with great military fanfare. Then he’ll board Air Force One for the last time and head to Mar-a-Lago, where moving trucks were spotted today. Before he goes, Trump is expected to announce about 100 pardons.” Kristen Welker reported on NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 5, 1:55, Holt, 6.27M), “With just two days left in office, President Trump is behind closed doors, out of sight for nearly a week — poised to issue dozens of pardons in his final hours... The President is also planning for what will likely be a red carpet send-off celebration Wednesday morning, including a color guard, military band, and even a 21-gun salute.”
Kaitlan Collins reported on CNN (1/18, 1.26M), “Instead of the President being seated in the front row on Wednesday at Biden’s inauguration, where basically he is expecting the military to be there, the red carpet to be rolled out. But he also wants something he often craves: that adoring crowd bidding him goodbye. So, the White House has started sending invitations to former Administration officials, friends of the President, some of his political allies here in Washington, inviting them, telling them they can bring up to five guests per invitation to come to Joint Base Andrews.”

The Guardian (UK) (1/18, 5.53M) reports, “For his last presidential ceremony, Trump reportedly wants an ostentatious military parade and an official armed forces farewell as the commander-in-chief. ... But latest reports indicate that Trump, who is facing an impeachment trial in the Senate and a number of criminal and civil investigations, will not be afforded a big military sendoff just two weeks after a deadly insurrection at the US Capitol that followed his exhorting supporters to fight to overturn the election.”

The Hill (1/18, 5.69M) reports, “Past presidents have typically gone on a public messaging tour to shape the discussion about their legacy, policy accomplishments and time in office. But Trump’s last few weeks have been defined by one catastrophe after another, culminating in his becoming the first president to ever be impeached twice.”

The AP (1/18, Weissert) reports every president to leave office since Ronald Reagan in 1989 has left a note for his successor, but “the 32-year tradition is in peril this year.” Trump “has refused to accept the results of November’s election and vowed not to attend Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday. That makes it doubtful Trump will leave behind any handwritten, friendly advice for Biden.”

Reuters (1/18, Mason) writes, “Trump never hid how he felt. His words and body language made his thoughts clear. ... Like no U.S. president has done before, he made himself the center of attention, the star of a literal reality show that was his administration, always with an eye for the camera, a flair for the dramatic, an instinct for the outrageous. His supporters loved it. His opponents hated it. Regardless, nearly everyone tuned in.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Nakamura, 10.52M) writes, “Trump’s four years in office come to close Wednesday after a reign defined by constant chaos, corruption and scandal, a tenure that numerous scholars predict is destined to rank him among America’s worst presidents. Trump’s claims of policy victories — including a raft of conservative judges and steps toward Middle East peace — will be vastly overshadowed by his mismanagement of the pandemic and his unprecedented assault on the U.S. election results, they said.”

Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports Trump’s approval rating “dropped to 34% in a Gallup poll released Monday, the low point of a presidency that already had the weakest average approval rating of any of his predecessors since the survey began in the 1940s. ... Trump’s final approval rating of 34% is the same received by Presidents George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter in their final Gallup polls.” Barack Obama “left office with a 66% approval rating.”

First Lady Releases Video Farewell Message. On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:20, Muir, 7.64M), Karl reported, “While President Trump was once again nowhere to be seen, First Lady Melania Trump today offered her farewell message to the nation. ... In the pre-recorded video, she seemed to allude to the attack on the US Capitol by supporters of her husband.” Melanie Trump: “Be passionate in everything you do, but always remember that violence is never the answer. And will never be justified. Use every opportunity to show consideration for another person.” Karl: “But Mrs. Trump will be the first First Lady in modern history not to invite her successor to the White House before the inauguration, denying a courtesy to Dr. Jill Biden that Michelle Obama extended to her.”

USA Today (1/18, Hernandez, 12.7M) reports, “The nearly seven-minute message...began with the first lady expressing her gratitude for military service members, law enforcement and caregivers — all of whom have inspired her since she entered the White House in 2017.” She “transitioned to talk at large about the pandemic and its impact on the nation, thanking essential workers such as health care professionals and truck drivers for their roles in saving lives.”

The New York Times (1/18, Rogers, 20.8M) says her “last message as first lady was like so many that have come before: It was completely at odds with the behavior of her husband.”

The New York Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.45M) reports she “does not directly mention the Capitol attack” in the video, “but asks viewers to be peaceful while broadly condemning violence.” Fox News (1/18, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that she “spoke at length about the coronavirus pandemic, thanking health care workers for their efforts to combat the deadly virus. She
called on Americans to "use caution and common sense to protect the vulnerable as millions of vaccines are now being delivered."

The Washington Post (1/18, Jordan, 10.52M) reports that several people "who have been in touch" with the First Lady "said she is aware of the intense criticism both she and her husband have gotten since the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot but that unlike her spouse she appears completely unfazed. They said she would have been happy to attend" the inauguration, "as every outgoing president and first lady have for the past 152 years. But rather than dwell on what could have been, she focuses on what she has control over: choreographing her own exit, trying to cement her legacy as a first lady who devoted much time to renovations of the White House, and making plans to continue her "Be Best" initiative."

On the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 4, 1:45, O'Donnell. 4.42M), Paula Reid reported, "In a break with tradition, the First Lady did not invite Dr. Jill Biden here to the White House." CNN (1/18, 39.21M) reports on its website, "The dissolving of one of America's most enduring transfer-of-power rituals — the outgoing president welcoming the incoming president on the steps of the North Portico, and then riding with them to the United States Capitol — is just one of the snubs the Trumps are perpetrating as they leave Washington."

Trump Not Expected To Pardon Himself Or Family Members. Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports White House officials do not expect President Trump "to pardon himself, family members or close aides, but clemency is in the works for a famous rapper and others, according to people familiar with the matter." The President "is expected to announce a list of pardons on Tuesday — his final full day in office — and had discussed with aides the possibility of blanket pardoning himself, in anticipation he might later be charged with federal crimes. Trump has previously claimed such power, though it's a matter of legal dispute and has never before been attempted by a president." Jim Acosta said on CNN (1/18, 1.32M), "The likelihood that he will pardon his adult children...is going down. But...with this President, you don't take anything to the bank until he's done with being President of the United States, and so before he leaves power, I suppose anything is possible."

The Washington Post (1/17, Leonnig, Dawsey, Helderman, 10.52M) reports, "Neither Trump nor his children have been charged with crimes, and they are not known to be under federal investigation. But the question of a presidential self-pardon has become more urgent and controversial since the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol by Trump's supporters. Some aides say Trump could face criminal liability for inciting the crowd."

USA Today (1/18, 12.7M) reports Trump "will put out a final list of pardons sometime before his term expires at noon Wednesday, said two advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity because the list is not yet public." The New York Times (1/18, Haberman, Vogel, Rubenstein, 20.8M) reports, "Those under consideration" for pardons or clemency "include such disparate figures as Sheldon Silver, the disgraced former New York Assembly speaker, and the rapper Lil Wayne." Rudy Giuliani "says he does not expect one, and Stephen K. Bannon's chances seem to have dimmed. Mixed in among the big names, low-level drug offenders are under consideration."

Reuters (1/18) reports Lil Wayne, who "appeared to support Trump during last year's presidential campaign when he tweeted a photo of himself with the president and said he backed Trump's criminal justice reform program," pleaded guilty in December "to possessing a loaded, gold-plated handgun when his chartered jet landed in Miami in December 2019. He faces a sentence of up to 10 years in prison" at a hearing next week in Miami.

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Ballhaus. Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Trump is also said to be considering pardoning his ex-fundraiser Elliott Broidy, who in October pleaded guilty to illegally lobbying the Administration. The New York Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.45M) reports, "Also expected to receive clemency are lesser-known people serving long prison sentences under a drug law crafted by then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) in 1994. At least two men "serving life in prison for marijuana dealing under the Biden law's three-strikes provision, paraplegic Michael Pelletier, 64, and Corvain Cooper, 41, asked Trump to release them." NJ News (1/18, 1.47M) reports Trump is also "eyeing clemency for Dr. Salomon Melgen, the currently imprisoned Florida ophthalmologist who was tied to Sen. Robert Menendez's corruption case," and the Baltimore Sun (1/18, Fenton, 529K) reports "convicted former Baltimore Mayor Catherine E. Pugh is among those seeking clemency" from Trump.

Giuliani Reportedly Not Part Of Trump's Impeachment Defense Team. The New York Times (1/18, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that a "person close to" President Trump indicated on Monday that Rudy Giuliani "will not be taking part in the president's defense in the Senate trial for his second impeachment." According to the Times, Trump and Giuliani met on Saturday night at the White House, "and the next day the president began telling people that Mr. Giuliani was not going to be part of the team." The Times adds, "It is unclear who will be a defense lawyer for Mr. Trump, given that many attorneys have privately said they won't represent him."

The New York Times (1/18, Cochrane, Thrush, 20.6M) also reports that "it remains unclear" when House Speaker Pelosi will "formally send to the Senate the article of impeachment charging President Trump with 'incitement of insurrection.'"
According to the Times, "Once the House sends the article to the Senate, the chamber has to immediately move to begin the trial."

The New York Post (1/18, Steinbuch, 7.45M) reports Giuliani said he will not represent Trump due to his involvement in the "Save America Rally" in which he called for a "trial by combat." He said, "Because I gave an earlier speech [at the rally], I am a witness and therefore unable to participate in court or in the Senate chamber." The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports Giuliani previously said "he was working on Trump's impeachment defense." Meanwhile, no announcements have been made on who will represent Trump.
All information and inquiries should be directed to BITE.
QAnon adherents discussed posing as National Guard to try to infiltrate inauguration, according to FBI intelligence briefing

The FBI privately warned law enforcement agencies Monday that far-right extremists have discussed posing as National Guard members in Washington and others have reviewed maps of vulnerable spots in the city — signs of potential efforts to disrupt Wednesday’s inauguration, according to an intelligence report obtained by The Washington Post.

The document, a summary of threats that the FBI identified in a Monday intelligence briefing, warned that both “lone wolves” and adherents of the QAnon extremist ideology, some of whom joined in the violent siege on the Capitol on Jan. 6, have indicated they plan to come to Washington for President-elect Joe Biden’s swearing-in ceremony.
The FBI also said it had observed people downloading and sharing maps of sensitive locations in Washington and discussing how those facilities could be used to interfere in security during the inauguration.

But the intelligence briefing did not identify any specific plots to attack the inaugural events that would be akin to the Jan. 6 siege on the Capitol and noted that “numerous” militia and extremist groups are publicly denouncing any violence targeted at the transition of presidential power.

While the FBI has picked up “suspicious traffic” in monitoring the kinds of communication systems used by some participants in the Capitol siege, it includes “nothing that points to any specific action.”

The FBI on Monday declined to characterize the credibility or gravity of the threats it outlined for law enforcement in advance of the inauguration.

The agency instead pointed to remarks FBI Director Christopher A. Wray made last week, when he said the agents were monitoring a “extensive amount of concerning online chatter” and noted the challenge of “trying to distinguish what’s aspirational versus what’s intentional.”

“We’re monitoring all incoming leads, whether they’re calls for armed protest, potential threats that grow out of the January 6 breach of the Capitol, or other kinds of potential threats leading up to inaugural events and in various other targets. So we’re latched up with all of our partners in that regard,” Wray added.

A spokesman for the Secret Service also declined to comment on the threat report or to characterize the agency’s level of concern.

“The U.S. Secret Service takes all threats seriously and will continue to work with our federal, state, local and military partners to continue securing the 59th Inauguration based on the relevant intelligence available to the security community,” said spokesman Justine Whelan.

The Post is withholding some details outlined in the intelligence report at the request of the FBI to avoid revealing intelligence-gathering methods or specific security vulnerabilities.

The Secret Service is responsible for coordinating all security for the inauguration, which is categorized as a national security special event. The FBI is responsible for gathering intelligence on threats surrounding the event and managing any crises that develop.

In the wake of the Capitol attack, the FBI has scrutinized members of extremist groups such as the Oath Keepers, the Three Percenters and the Proud Boys, a far-right group with a history of violence, making numerous arrests in recent days.

The FBI’s intelligence briefing comes amid intense apprehension across the country about potential threats to Biden’s inauguration and an unprecedented military lockdown of the city’s downtown and the Mall.
At least 12,000 National Guard troops, thousands more law enforcement officers and miles of temporary fencing have been brought into the city to cordon off the iconic monuments and historic buildings that normally serve as the backdrop for a peaceful transfer of power between presidential administrations.

In its intelligence briefing, the FBI described the chatter it has been monitoring of groups associated with the Jan. 6 attack, particularly QAnon, whose followers were prominent participants in the siege.

People affiliated with the extreme movement, which claims that Trump is fighting against a deep-state cabal that traffics children, have shown interest in infiltrating security checkpoints at the inauguration, according to the report.

“QAnon members have discussed posing as National Guard soldiers, believing that it would be easy for them to infiltrate secure areas,” according to the document, which added that members have been crowdsourcing images to surveil the security perimeter.

A defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, acknowledged that National Guard members have been warned to watch for anyone in uniform who looks like they are out of place. It was not clear if that was specially because of concerns about QAnon or if other insider threats also may have caused concern.

Potential impostors could possess U.S. military uniforms through a number of means, including prior military service and surplus stores.

The D.C. National Guard is instructing troops serving during the inauguration in Washington to tell their commanders if they "see or hear something that is not appropriate" or out of place, said Capt. Chelsi B. Johnson, a National Guard spokeswoman.

The FBI also said that individual figures who have no clear ties to specific groups but have protested the election results have also shown interest in the event.

“Concerns of lone wolf actors are increasing,” according to the report, which noted that five people who took part in an armed demonstration at the Ohio Statehouse on Sunday have said they were traveling to Washington for the inauguration.

The FBI has also observed an increase in surveillance of law enforcement’s security preparations for the inauguration. According to the report, National Guard soldiers have reported seeing several individuals photographing and recording their work. Some of those videos have been uploaded online, the FBI report said.

The intelligence briefing also noted reports of unknown individuals accessing camera footage of secured areas where public access is prohibited. It is unclear if such efforts are the work of individuals aiming to disrupt the inauguration, or merely curious passersby documenting the fortress that has sprung up across downtown.
More than 21,000 National Guard troops are stationed around Washington. (Katherine Frey/The Washington Post)

The metamorphosis of the nation’s capital into a veritable Green Zone is part of an aggressive effort by law enforcement to prevent more violence after the siege on the Capitol by an armed and violent pro-Trump mob.

Thousands of demonstrators that day came to Washington for a “Stop the Steal” rally and other protests. Then, encouraged by Trump, they marched on the Capitol and fought through police barricades to break into the building and stop Congress’ certification of the election results. Five people died in the riot, including one Capitol Police officer.

That attack — the first time the Capitol has been overrun since the War of 1812 — has led to perhaps the tightest security of any of the previous 58 presidential inaugurations.

When Supreme Court Justice John G. Roberts Jr. swears in Biden, there will be no sea of spectators filling the Mall and no waving crowds lining a motorcade route along Pennsylvania Avenue that presidents normally take from the Capitol to their new home for the next four years.

To avoid any possible line of sight of the Capitol balcony, where the ceremony takes place, barricades have walled off the Mall and adjoining streets. Many residents of the historic rowhouses in neighboring Capitol Hill, just east of the Capitol, have to go through police checkpoints just to leave and return to their homes.

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Police Officer Brandon Stalker, Toledo Police Department, was shot and killed during a standoff with a suspect.
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There are no active watches, warnings or advisories.
Prosecutors Say More Than 300 People Under Investigation For Riot At US Capitol So Far. USA Today (1/15, Johnson, Wu, 12.7M) reports the number of investigations into the violence at the US Capitol last week "was expected to top 300 by Friday, as the sprawling inquiry continued to be fed by a deluge of photographs and video evidence, federal authorities said." On the lead CBS Evening News (1/15, lead story, 4:26, O'Donnell, 4.08M) segment, Jeff Pegues reported the number of cases "against people in the mob... is expected to grow exponentially." He added, "Peter Stager, who is seen in this video beating an officer with a flag pole, has been taken into custody. Also charged, Jennifer Leigh Ryan, who traveled to Washington from Texas in a private jet."

On NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 3, 0:40, Holt, 5.57M), Pete Williams reported federal prosecutors said arrests have been made "so far in about a third of them, some of those arrested are cooperating, generating more leads." Williams added that the FBI "says it has received an astonishing 140,000 photos and videos to help identify rioters, people are even sending in tips about their own friends and family members. As for whether the rioters had leaders, prosecutors say it may take months to find that out."

However, ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 4, 0:33, Muir, 6.95M) Chief Justice Correspondent Pierre Thomas said that as "the cases unfold, the federal prosecutor overseeing the FBI investigation has noticed a disturbing trend — among the mob, the FBI has identified a growing number of former and current law enforcement officers and military officials." On ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 2, 2:53, Raddatz, 6.95M), Martha Raddatz highlighted that "Jacob Chansley, the so-called QAnon shaman," and retd. Air Force Lt. Colonel Larry Brock, who was photographed with zip ties that prosecutors cited...as evidence of plans to take hostages," both served in the military, while "Jacob Fracker, one of the two Rocky Mountain Virginia policemen arrested, is also a corporal in the Virginia National Guard, off duty at the time."

The AP (1/15, Biesecker, Bleiberg, LaPorta) says its review "of public records, social media posts and videos shows at least 21 current or former members of the U.S. military or law enforcement have been identified as being at or near the Capitol riot, with more than a dozen others under investigation but not yet named."

Meanwhile, a more than 2,600-word Washington Post (1/15, Sheinin, Mease, 10.52M) profile says that with former Olympic gold medalist Klete Keller facing federal charges for his involvement in "last week’s abortive insurrection at the Capitol," the questions "haunting his friends, former teammates and coaches are the ones they have struggled to answer: How? And why?" According to the Post, "Among the former teammates, coaches and swimming insiders interviewed for this story, the news was still surprising. Because nothing, they said, revealed any inclination Keller might go so far as to travel from his Colorado Springs home to Washington and join thousands of other Trump supporters in violently protesting the certification of an election the president falsely characterized as fraudulent.

Investigators Examine Role Of Militias in Capitol Violence. The New York Times (1/18, Goldman, Benner, Feuer, 20.56M) reports FBI agents and federal prosecutors "investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol have increasingly shifted their attention to dangerous right-wing extremist groups, arresting several people in recent days suspected of taking part in the violence and of possessing ties to notorious militias such as the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters." The Times adds the arrests "came as investigators gathered evidence to determine whether any of the groups had planned ahead of time to attack the Capitol."

Similarly, the Washington Post (1/16, Barrett, Hsu, 10.52M) reports investigators are "accelerating efforts to determine whether the assault was planned and led by groups of people — rather than an impulsive outburst of violence — particularly because some of the men shown on video laying siege to the building were equipped with handheld radios and headsets and at times appeared to work in unison on particular objectives, investigators said."

WPReview: Proud Boys, “Other Fringe Groups” Used Christian Website To Fundraise For “Stop The Steal” Rally Travel. A Washington Post (1/18, Brittain, Willman, 10.52M) review has found GiveSendGo.com, a “self-described Christian website,” has "become a refuge of sorts for outcasts and extremists, including fringe groups such as the Proud Boys as well as conspiracy theorists who seek to undercut the results of the presidential election by promoting debunked claims of fraud."

The Post adds fundraising solicitations on GiveSendGo "show that at least $247,000 has been raised for 24 people — including at least eight members of the Proud Boys — who claimed online that the money was intended for travel, medical or legal expenses connected to ‘Stop The Steal’ events, including the Jan. 6 rally."

Federal Prosecutors See Community Support Identifying Individuals Involved In “Insurrection.” Under the headline "Pushed To The Edge By The Capitol Riot, People Are Reporting Their Family And Friends To The FBI," the Washington Post
(1/16, Knowles, Vargas, 10.52M) reports that for "relationships already strained or severed, last week's violent spectacle of democracy under siege has pushed some people to take a drastic new step: warning law enforcement." According to the Post, "Anguished Americans are turning in friends and family for their alleged involvement in the Capitol riots, contributing to more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI and playing a role in at least one high-profile arrest."

In a nearly 2,200-word article, the Washington Post (1/16, Kindy, Bellware, Berman, 10.52M) reports "at least 13 off-duty law enforcement officials are suspected of taking part in the riot, a tally that could grow as investigators continue to pore over footage and records to identify participants." and police leaders have been "turning in their own to the FBI and taking the striking step of reminding officers in their departments that criminal misconduct could push them off the force and behind bars."

In addition, The Hill (1/16, Klar, 5.69M) reports law enforcement officials "seeking out participants of the riot at the Capitol last week have one big leg up: a plethora of social media posts and data of the suspects they're searching for," and the Washington Post (1/16, Hanwell, Bonos, Timberg, 10.52M) reports dating apps "are using images captured from inside the Capitol siege and other evidence to identify and ban rioters' accounts, causing immediate consequences for those who participated as police move toward making hundreds of arrests." The Post adds law enforcement officials "would not say how many tips came from dating apps but have said they are reviewing all evidence."

Meanwhile, Vaughn Hillyard reported on NBC Nightly News (1/16, story 2, 1.27, Hillyard, 5.78M) that federal authorities "have now arrested more than 100 individuals accused of being involved in the insurrection, including Peter Stager of Arkansas. Stager, according to the FBI, shown beating an officer with an American flag. And Jenna Ryan, a Texas real estate agent, charged after storming the Capitol, telling CBS News: 'I was displaying my patriotism when I was there and I was just protesting.' Authorities are still working to identify even more of the insurrectionists, including this man. In new photos released today, the FBI believes he is involved in this video in which officer Daniel Hodges is pinned into a doorjamb."

In additional coverage of those arrested, the New York Times (1/16, Paz, 20.6M) reports that Anthime Joseph Gionet, "a far-right media personality nicknamed 'Baked Alaska' who is known for livestreaming himself participating in illegal activity, was arrested by the F.B.I. on Friday and accused of illegally storming the Capitol during the attack on the building by President Trump's supporters last week." The Times adds Gionet "was arrested in Houston on Friday, according to the Justice Department's website, and charged with two federal crimes."

According to Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M), Lisa Eisenhart and Eric Munchel, "a mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 -- and openly talked of a violent revolution -- are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others 'known and unknown to federal authorities.' In a legal filing, the FBI on Saturday indicated that...Munchel -- who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image -- and Eisenhart would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers' efforts to certify the presidential election."

The Hill (1/16, Williams, 5.69M) reports Emily Hernandez, "a Missouri woman seen with a fractured sign" from House Speaker Pelosi's office, "was hit with five charges on Friday in connection to the riot, according to a court documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia." The Hill (1/16, Folley, 5.69M) also reports that "according to press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Dominic 'Spaz' Pezzola, 43, was arrested and charged on Friday with unlawful entry, destruction of government property and obstruction of an official proceeding over his alleged criminal activities in the Jan. 6 riot." The Hill says Pezzola "allegedly discussed killing Pelosi and Vice President Pence."

In a more than 2,700-word front-page article, the Washington Post (1/16, A1, Natanson, Tate, 10.52M) highlights Christian Trabert, the son of the police chief Aberdeen, Maryland, who was among the "mob of Trump's rabid followers" who "invade[d] the U.S. Capitol." The Post says that while Trabert "has not been charged in connection with the riot," local activists have since "bombarded the police department's Facebook page with comments demanding to know if one of their own had been involved -- and what the people in charge were going to do about it." According to the Post, "Tens of thousands of Americans are asking those same questions in communities across the country as they learn that their colleagues, college friends, kids' teachers and even parents were among the rioters."

WPost Analysis: At Least 21 People Who "Breached The Capitol Or Were In The Vicinity Of The Riots" Had Military Service Background. A Washington Post (1/15, Jaffe, Lamotho, Tate, 10.52M) analysis "of individuals who breached the Capitol or were in the vicinity of the riots identified 21 people with some prior military service background. Of the 72 arrested or charged by state and federal authorities through Thursday morning, 11 have military backgrounds." The Post adds that the Pentagon "hasn't said how many active-duty troops or reservists are under investigation for any role in the protest or the riots, but homegrown militants and white supremacist groups have long targeted veterans for recruitment. And some analysts who track extremist groups warn that the military has been slow to recognize the problem."

Videos Show Rooter Killed During Attempt To Storm Capitol. The New York Times (1/18, Hill, Ray, Kozlowsky, 20.8M) reports 34-year-old Trump supporter Rosanne Boyland who "died during the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, appears to have..."
been killed in a crush of fellow rioters during their attempt to fight through a police line, according to videos reviewed by The Times, which says the "manner of her death had been unclear until The Times discovered that the clothes and backpack strap of a woman in widely circulated videos match those that Ms. Boyland wore in a picture taken of her earlier that day."

Conservatives Tout Purported Liberal’s Arrest As Evidence Of Antifa Presence, But Utah Activists Contest Narrative. The Washington Post (1/16, Jackman, Lang, Swaine, 10.52M) says a video that he filmed "has placed John Earle Sullivan — "Activist John" — at the center of a conservative campaign to blame liberal groups for the Capitol siege, and "labeled him in jail." The Post adds that while the video "attracted the attention of right-wing leaders, including President Trump’s lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who said it showed that antifa was the true organizer of the attack; and Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), “Sullivan is hardly a darling of the left.” The Post reports that activists in Utah "have spent months condemning Sullivan, who has at turns identified himself as a racial justice protestor and leftist documentarian, and they have warned others to be leery of his motives and any events he sponsored.”

“Internet Sleuths” Have Misidentified Some Attendees Of Capitol Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports amateur “internet sleuths” have "identified and shared information on social media about people in photos and videos at the Capitol, leading to a portion of the more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI since the mob attempted to stop the counting of votes in the presidential election," but "the hurried pace of new information has also increased the dissemination of incorrect names and targeting the wrong people.” According to the Post, “The victims of such false accusations include martial artist and actor Chuck Norris.” On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 6, 2:10, Diaz, 3:36M), Charlie De Ma interviewed a retired Chicago firefighter misidentified as “the man seen in this video throwing a fire extinguisher at police.”

San Francisco Man Charged in Capitol Riot. The San Francisco Chronicle (1/16, Thadani, 2.44M) reports that Daniel Goodwyn, of San Francisco, "who is a self-proclaimed member of the Proud Boys and has fought the city’s coronavirus mask orders as among the dozens charged by the FBI for allegedly storming the U.S. Capitol in a violent mob last week.” Authorities identified Goodwyn "as one of the Capitol invaders through a series of videos, Instagram messages and Twitter posts, according to an FBI complaint filed Friday.”

Kentucky Man Faces Charges For Alleged Riot Role. The Louisville (Ky) Courier-Journal (1/18, Aubach, 554K) reports that Michael Sparks, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who is "accused of entering the U.S. Capitol through a broken window during the riot earlier this month is the latest Kentucky resident to face federal charges in the fallout from the incident.” The Courier-Journal adds, “Three tipsters reached out to the FBI in the days after the riot, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court to identify Sparks "as the man shown on several videos from the event entering the Capitol building and roaming through the halls.” Sparks "was the first individual to enter the building through the broken window around 2:13 p.m., the affidavit said,” and he "ended up following a group led by Doug Jensen, an Iowan seen in photos confronting Capitol Police officers while wearing a distinctive 'Q' shirt, through the halls of the building.”

Two Texas Men Charged In Connection with Capitol Attack. The AP (1/18) reports from Dallas, Texas, "The FBI has arrested two more Texas men for alleged crimes related to the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol." Guy Refit “was arrested Friday at his home in Wylie, a city about 35 miles (56 kilometers) northeast of downtown Dallas, according to court records,” and “an FBI spokeswoman said Matthew Carl Mazzocco, 37, was also arrested without incident in San Antonio on Sunday.” Refit, 48, “is charged with obstruction of justice and unlawful entry” after he was allegedly “recorded on video outside the Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot and later threatened his wife and children if they turned him in.” Mazzocco “is charged with unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the FBI spokeswoman said.”

Louisiana Man Charged in Capitol Riot. The AP (1/18) reports from New Orleans that Cody Connell, of Vivian, Louisiana, who is "charged in the deadly siege on the U.S. Capitol had discussed returning to Washington around the presidential inauguration and bringing rifles, ammunition and body armor, federal authorities said in court records.” A criminal complaint said that Connell “was arrested Saturday on charges including violent entry of Capitol grounds and obstruction law enforcement. Connell posted photos and videos of himself and another man identified by the FBI as his cousin, Daniel Page Adams, outside the Capitol the day of the siege Jan. 6, said an affidavit by FBI agent Michael Sahadi Jr.”

Indiana Man Charged in Capitol Siege. The AP (1/18) reports from Indianapolis, Indiana, that Jon Ryan Schaffer, a heavy metal guitarist who was photographed with the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol and is accused of spraying police officers with a pepper-based bear spray irritant has been arrested, the FBI said.” Schaffer "turned himself in Sunday after he was featured on an FBI poster seeking the public’s help in identifying rioters, said Chris Bavender, a spokeswoman for the FBI’s Indianapolis office” and “has been charged with several felony counts, including engaging in an act of physical violence and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry.”

Iowa Man Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/18) reports that Leo Christopher Kelly, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa “was arrested Monday by federal agents on suspicion of being among those who stormed the U.S. Capitol during a deadly pro-Trump insurrection on Jan. 6.” According to the AP, “The FBI in Omaha, Nebraska, said in a news release that Kelly “was
arrested on a federal warrant charging him with three counts: knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without lawful authority, violent entry with the intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

Colorado Man With Militia Movement Ties Charged In Capitol Siege Probe. The Denver Post (1/18, Schmelzer, 660K) reports that Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colorado, “faces federal charges after investigators allege he assaulted and threatened police officers defending the U.S. Capitol and also climbed through a broken window to enter the building during the Jan. 6 riot that disrupted the certification of the 2020 election.” Gieswein “carried a bat during the riot and dressed himself in pseudo-military garb, including a patch for an alleged paramilitary training program he ran in Colorado that federal law enforcement used to identify him, according to a warrant for his arrest.” The FBI “used a plethora of video and images taken of Gieswein outside and inside the Capitol to identify him, the affidavit states, as well as an interview Gieswein gave a television journalist the day before the riot during which he referenced anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.”

Kentucky College Student Accused Of Stealing Sign During Capitol Siege. The Washington Post (1/18, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, “Defending the storming of the U.S. Capitol as ‘cool,’ Gracyn Courtright broadcast her participation on social media – and embraced the firestorm that followed as publicity, the FBI says.” The Post adds, “Video from the college student’s Twitter account showed her inside the Capitol building amid chants of ‘whose house, our house,’ according to an affidavit filed in court this weekend.” Courtright “faces federal charges, the latest suspect in the Jan. 6 riots who was tracked down in large part because of extensive digital trails – including proud and defiant posts from alleged rioters on social media.” The Post notes that Courtright is reportedly a student at the University of Kentucky.

The AP (1/18, Raby) reports that Courtright, 23, “took a ‘Members Only’ sign near the Senate chambers as she accompanied supporters of President Donald Trump in illegally storming the U.S. Capitol, according to federal court documents.” Courtright “was charged in a criminal complaint with theft of government property under $1,000, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and knowingly engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any restricted building or grounds.” The AP adds, “According to the affidavit, a witness saw a video of Courtright in the halls of the Capitol and messaged her on Instagram asking if she was there. The witness provided a screenshot of the messages to the FBI.” The affidavit “said Courtright is a senior at the University of Kentucky. According to the university, she is from Hurricane, West Virginia.”

Louisville, Kentucky Man Charged With Participating In Riot. The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/16, Austin, 554K) reports, “Federal investigators have arrested a Louisville man and charged him with disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.” The Courier-Journal adds, “FBI Louisville arrested Damon Michael Beckley in Cub Run on Saturday, according to a tweet from the agency. Beckley is also being charged with unlawful entry of a restricted building.” Beckley “had given a viral interview from the U.S. Capitol building during the deadly riot on Jan. 6, saying he wouldn’t put up with ‘tyrannical rule.’ ‘If we’re going to come back here and start a revolution and take all of these traitors out, which is what should be done, then we will!’ he said.”

Two New York Men Arrested For Participating In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/17) reports from Albany, New York that “two New York men, Brandon Fellows and Edward Jacob Lang, were arrested this weekend on charges related to the Jan. 6 violent insurrection led by supporters of President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol.” Fellows, 26, “was arrested Saturday night by agents from the FBI’s Albany office, a bureau spokesperson said.” Lang, 25, “was arrested by FBI agents Saturday at his home in New York’s Hudson Valley after he posted photos and videos of himself outside the Capitol, prosecutors said in court papers.”

New Mexico County Commissioner Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege. The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (1/17, Carrillo, 188K) reports that Cory Griffin, 47, “an Otero County commissioner who said there could be ‘blood running out’ of the U.S. Capitol building on Inauguration Day was arrested Sunday in Washington, D.C., for his alleged role in the riots at the Capitol earlier this month.” FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said Griffin “was detained Sunday afternoon by U.S. Capitol Police, who then notified the FBI. Griffin had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority.” An affidavit “for an arrest warrant filed in federal court Friday says FBI agents used videos of Griffin posted on the Cowboys for Trump Facebook page as well as other public statements he made about the riot and the inauguration to bring the charge against him.”

The AP (1/17) reports, “According to court documents, Griffin told investigators that he was ‘caught up’ in the crowd, which pushed its way through the barricades and entered the restricted area of the U.S. Capitol, but he said he did not enter the building and instead remained on the U.S. Capitol steps. A video posted to Griffin’s personal Facebook page shows Griffin in the restricted areas, according to the affidavit.”

Texas Right-Wing Media Personality Charged In Siege Probe. Reuters (1/16) reports, “Far-right media personality Tim Gionet, who goes by the handle ‘Baked Alaska,’ was arrested on Friday by the Federal Bureau of investigation in Houston, Texas, according to documents the agency posted online, and charged with participating in the violent riot on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6.” Reuters adds, “According to a sworn statement filed by an FBI agent, Gionet livestreamed a 27-minute video from the Capitol
using a service called ‘DLive.’ Gionet did not do much to hide his identity, according to the statement, which noted he ‘turned the phone around to show his face and is clearly identifiable.”

The AP (1/16, Balsamo) reports, “Gionet faces charges of violent and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.” FBI Special Agent Nicole Miller said in an affidavit filed in the case that Gionet streamed live for about 27 minutes from inside the Capitol and could be heard encouraging other protesters not to leave, cursing and saying ‘I’m staying,’ ‘1776 baby,’ and ‘I won’t leave guys, don’t worry.’” Miller wrote that Gionet entered various offices and when told by law enforcement officers to move, identified himself as a member of the media, and then asked officers where to go before cursing a law officer while alleging the officer shoved him, then leaving the building.”

Texas Man Charged in Siege Probe. The Houston Chronicle (1/15, Tallet, 982K) reports, “Federal authorities on Friday arrested” Joshua Lollar, 39, of Spring, Texas, “in the wake of the Jan. 6 attack at the U.S. Capitol, making him the first in the Houston area to be charged in the deadly insurrection.” Lollar faces three criminal charges after the FBI combed through his Facebook page and found a myriad of now-deleted posts detailing involvement in the riot, in Washington, D.C., according to court documents. He is one of at least 100 people who have been arrested and 47 charged in federal court over the event, numbers that are expected to mushroom as FBI authorities said they were ‘aggressively’ seeking out people in the violent mob.”

Texas Real Estate Broker Arrested For Role In Siege. The Dallas Morning News (1/15, Jimenez, 772K) reports, “The Frisco real estate broker who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 – and documented it on social media – was arrested after she turned herself in Friday, according to the FBI field office in Dallas.” Jennifer “Jenna” Leigh Ryan, 50, “is charged with ‘knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority’ and ‘disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds,’” according to the criminal complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A search warrant was executed on her home in Carrollton, FBI special agent Matt DeSarno said during a news conference Friday evening. She was released from custody and returned home, where she said she wants President Donald Trump to pardon her and everyone involved in the mob.”

Mother And Son Face Conspiracy Charges For Role In Capital Siege. Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M) reports, “A mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 – and openly talked of a violent revolution – are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others ‘known and unknown’ to federal authorities.” Politico adds, “In a Saturday legal filing, the FBI indicated that Eric Munchel – who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image – and his mother Lisa Eisenhart would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers’ efforts to certify the presidential election.” Munchel and Eisenhart “are facing charges of ‘knowingly and willfully conspiring with persons known and unknown’ to impede law enforcement, unlawfully entering a restricted building and violently forcing their way into the halls of Congress.”

Florida Man Allegedly Plotted Attack On Pro-Trump Protesters. The AP (1/15) reports that Daniel Baker, of Tallahassee, Florida, “was arrested Friday and charged with trying to organize an armed response to pro-President Donald Trump protesters expected at the state Capitol on Sunday, the U.S. Attorney’s Office announced.” Baker “was using social media to recruit people in a plot to create a circle around protesters and trap them in the Capitol, according to an affidavit filed by an FBI agent. The court document describes a series of threats of violence and a prediction of civil war. Baker is described as anti-Trump, anti-government, anti-white supremacists and anti-police.”

Politico (1/15, Ritchie, 6.73M) reports that Baker, 33, “wanted to encircle protesters at the state Capitol and confine them with guns. U.S. Attorney Lawrence Keefe and the FBI said. Baker, a former U.S. Army Airborne infantryman who was kicked out of the service in 2007, had issued a call to arms seeking others to join the him on Sunday, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court.” Baker “had been working in recent days to identify rioters who joined the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last week, the complaint alleges.”

South Carolina Man Charged In Connection With Capitol Siege. The Columbia (SC) State (1/18, Monk, 330K) reports from Columbia, South Carolina, “Friends and technology have led the FBI to charge a South Carolina man with criminal violations for allegedly being a participant in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot.” Andrew Hatley “drove from his residence in South Carolina on January 5, 2020, in a red Ford Mustang, early 2000s model, to attend the protests for the election,” according to an FBI complaint filed in U.S. District Court. Hatley “is the first South Carolinian known to be charged in connection with the Jan. 6 riot. Dozens of other people from other states currently face federal charges.”

The AP (1/18) reports, “A witness told investigators that they had known Hatley for ‘several years’ and provided a picture to the FBI which appeared to show Hatley and another man in the U.S. Capitol building in front of a statue of Calhoun, a former vice president and fierce slavery advocate, according to the complaint filed by Special Agent Cassidy Thompson Smith.” FBI agents “said they were able to match Facebook photos of Hatley with images provided by witnesses and captured in surveillance video.
from inside of the crypt at the U.S. Capitol. Authorities used the location data shared by Hatley with one of the witnesses to confirm his cellphone was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 as the mob breached the building, according to the FBI.”

**Two Tennessee Men Charged in Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/17) reports from Nashville, Tennessee that Blake Austin Reed, 35, of Nashville, “was charged Sunday with participating in the raid at the U.S. Capitol earlier this month, federal authorities said.” Reed “was arrested by FBI agents in Nashville, said David W. Boling, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office for the Middle District of Tennessee. According to charging documents, Reed was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.”

The AP (1/17) reports from Memphis, Tennessee, “A second Tennessee man has been arrested and charged with taking part in the raid at the U.S. Capitol last week, federal authorities said Friday.” Matthew Bledsoe, of Memphis, “has been charged with illegally entering or remaining in a restricted building, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the U.S. Justice Department said in a complaint and arrest warrant. The warrant said FBI agents received a tip that Bledsoe had been part of the group that breached the Capitol illegally. Federal authorities received a video compilation that was posted to his Instagram account that included several photos and video shot by Bledsoe, who is seen wearing a Trump 2020 hat.”

**Judge Scuttles House Arrest Plan For Arkansas Man Who Invaded Pelosi’s Office.** The AP (1/15, DeMilo) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Chief US District Judge Beryl Howell on Friday night “halted a plan to release and put on house arrest” Richard Barnett, of Gravette Arkansas, who was “photographed sitting at a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office during last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol.” Barnett “will instead be brought to Washington, D.C., immediately for proceedings in his case,” Judge Howell “ordered Friday night, staying a decision by another judge to confine Barnett to his home in Gravette, Arkansas, until his trial.” Judge Howell’s ruling “came hours after U.S. Magistrate Judge Erin Wiedemann in Arkansas set a $5,000 bond for Barnett and ordered that a GPS monitor track his location.”

**Judge Revokes Bond For Indiana Man Charged In Capitol Riot.** The AP (1/15) reports from Hammond, Indiana, that US Magistrate Judge Andrew P. Rodovich “has revoked the bond for” Kash Lee Kelly, 32, “a northwest Indiana man awaiting sentencing in a gang-related case after the FBI charged him for allegedly taking part in the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol.” Judge Rodovich “granted the federal government's motion Thursday to revoke bond for” Kelly. The AP adds, “The government’s request came after the FBI charged Kelly with federal charges that include unlawful entry to a restricted area for allegedly joining Donald Trump supporters in storming the Capitol, said U.S. District prosecuting attorney David Nozick.”

**Washington Under Heavy Security As Inauguration Nears.** In Washington, Tom Llamas reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 2, 1:55, 4.44M), “a ‘Green Zone’ perimeter has been established, roads shut down,” and the National Guard is “scouring for explosives and extremists.” ABC’s Kenneth Moton: “Extraordinary security in the Nation’s Capital. Officials are taking no chances, military reinforcements arriving by the plane load. National Guard troops are coming from every corner of the US. ... The 25,000 troops in this city by the inauguration have their orders: Watch for potential threats, look for explosives, protect the Capitol. Authorities say domestic extremists pose the most likely threat.” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): “How serious is our country going to take domestic white extremism? And I think what we saw here last week is that we didn’t take it seriously enough.” Moton: “The large security perimeter or Green Zone already tested. At least three people have been arrested in separate incidents, including two men carrying guns and ammunition.”

Gabe Guterrez reported on NBC Nightly News (1/17, lead story, 2:35, Snow, 3.76M), “Tonight, more than 15,000 National Guard troops are patrolling the Nation’s Capital. ... But today, armed protests advertised online by far-right extremists did not materialize here.” Scott Pelley reported on CBS 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M) that “tens of thousands of troops” are “all preparing to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. ... But there’s also the dilemma that the security is commanded by President Trump, who encouraged the attack on the Capitol and has relentlessly worked to stop the inauguration of Joe Biden.” Asked if DHS will stand down if Trump orders it do so, Acting Deputy DHS Secretary Ken Cuccinelli said, “We’re going to complete our jobs. There’s not a stand-down. We have a statutory mission we’re going to perform under all circumstances, and I think that hypothetical is not going to happen.”

Bowser said on NBC’s Meet The Press (1/17, 2.94M), “I convened our federal law enforcement partners who are responsible for securing this event, the United States Secret Service. This is a National Special Security Event. More than half of those events have been conducted in Washington DC, and the Secret Service is working with all federal agencies to make this a safe event.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, “Federal officials said they planned to vet hundreds of possible airplane passengers, putting any identified among the violent protesters at the Capitol on Jan. 6 on a ‘no-fly list.’ The Transportation Security Administration said it was increasing the number of federal marshals on flights and of explosive-detection dogs at airports.”
Armed Man, Woman With False ID Arrested Sunday. The Washington Post (1/17, Meckler, 10.52M) reports Guy Berry of Gordonsville, Virginia, “whose Facebook page features a photo from the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol,” was arrested near the Capitol complex Sunday, “and police said he was carrying three high-capacity magazines, 37 rounds of unregistered ammunition and a Glock 22 firearm.” The Hill (1/17, 5.69M) reports Linda Magovern of Stratford, Connecticut, was also arrested in Washington on Sunday “after attempting to pass police barricades while flashing a military police challenge coin and claiming to be member of both President Trump’s Cabinet and law enforcement, U.S. Capitol Police said.”

Army, FBI Conduct Additional Screening Of National Guard Deployed To DC For Inauguration. On NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 2, 0:50, 6.27M), Lester Holt reported, “The threat of an inside attack has the Army and FBI screening thousands of National Guard members deployed to Washington.” Pete Williams said that members of the National Guard “have been vetted in the past for inaugurations, but this time it is much more extensive.” Williams added the Army “says the decision was made to check the backgrounds of thousands more of the Guard members deployed, given that a National Guardsman from Virginia was one of those arrested for entering the Capitol illegally January 6,” and the FBI “says retired military members were also among the rioters.”

The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt, Steinhauser, Cooper, 20.6M) reports that although it is “still in its very early stages,” the FBI investigation “identified at least six suspects with military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault.” In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “These people are not representative of our country’s military.” Milley said most active-duty troops and veterans “continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution.”

Lisa Today (1/18, Baldor, 12.7M) reports Acting Defense Secretary Miller on Monday said, “While we have no intelligence indicating an insider threat, we are leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital” ahead of Joe Biden’s inauguration. Miller added, “This type of vetting often takes place by law enforcement for significant security events.” The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports Miller “thanked the FBI for its assistance and noted that the D.C. National Guard is providing extra training to those coming to the district ‘that if they see or hear something that is not appropriate, they should report it to their chain of command.’”

According to CNN (1/18, Cohen, 89.21M) in an online report, “Miller’s statement comes hours after the head of the DC National Guard said that the FBI is vetting troops involved in securing the US Capitol to prevent any insider threats.” On ABC’s Good Morning America, Maj. Gen. William Walker said, “What happens is they’re screened before they leave their state and what it is is a credentialing process so they’re screened and they’re repeatedly screened until they are actually put on the street.” CNN adds Walker “did not say that the screening included specific questions about the members’ beliefs surrounding the legitimacy of the election, but they are carrying out enhanced background screening.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Ryan, 10.52M) states that the “heightened scrutiny of Guardsmen highlights the Pentagon’s concerns about growing extremism, including support for white nationalism and anti-government groups, among veterans and serving troops.” The Post adds officials “acknowledge that rooting out the problem has proved challenging, which they say reflects larger trends across American society.”

The AP (1/17, Baldor) reports, “In a situation like this one, FBI vetting would involve running people’s names through databases and watchlists maintained by the bureau to see if anything alarming comes up. That could include involvement in prior investigations or terrorism-related concerns, said David Gomez, a former FBI national security supervisor in Seattle.”

The Washington Post (1/17, Sonne, Lamothe, Ryan, 10.52M) reports, “All service members go through an annual program that requires them to report any information regarding known or suspected extremist behavior in the ranks, the Army said. The Army also noted that the D.C. Guard is providing additional training as service members arrive in the capital, instructing them to report anything they see or hear that seems inappropriate to the chain of command. ‘There is no place for extremism in the military and we will investigate each report individually and take appropriate action,’ the Army said in the statement. ‘The Army is committed to working closely with the FBI as they identify people who participated in the violent attack on the Capitol to determine if the individuals have any connection to the Army.’”

Pentagon Deploys 750 Active Duty Troops To Support Inauguration Security. Politico (1/18, Seligman, 6.73M) reports the Pentagon has deployed 750 active-duty troops “to support enhanced security measures related to Biden’s inauguration, as local law enforcement continues to track threats of violence in the nation’s capital in the days leading up to the ceremony, according to two defense officials.” Politico adds the troops “include service members with expertise in handling chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosive weapons, as well as explosive ordnance disposal and medical teams skilled in trauma response, said one defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive operations.”

FEMA Denies Funding Requests From Maryland, Virginia For Response To Capitol Riot, Inauguration Security. The Washington Post (1/18, Kunkle, 10.52M) reports the Federal Emergency Management Agency “has denied requests from
Maryland and Virginia for an emergency declaration to cover expenses associated with responding to the Capitol riot and increasing security around...Biden's inauguration.” According to the Post, “FEMA's decision – which both states plan to appeal – could mean the states would not receive federal funds for providing law enforcement personnel and other support to help restore control after pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, and to enhance security for Wednesday's ceremony.”

**Blunt, Klobuchar Confident Of Peaceful Transfer Of Power.** In a joint interview with CBS Evening News (1/16, story 2:3:15, O'Donnell, 4.42M), Sens. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), who are responsible for the inauguration, discussed security preparations for the event. Asked if they are confident that there will be a peaceful transfer of power, Blunt said, “I think we're going to project to the world exactly the message we want to at this very spot where so many bad things happened two weeks ago. I think the world is going to see the Constitution and the democracy of our country work.” Blunt also said he is “disappointed” that President Trump is not attending the inauguration. Klobuchar added that showcasing the peaceful transfer of power “couldn’t be more important. While the events of January Sixth and the insurrection, I think for a lot of people, they stepped back and reflected and thought, this democracy means something to us.”

**DC Residents Frustrated As Increased Security Limits Normal Activities.** According to the New York Times (1/18, Searcey, 20.6M), "Downtown Washington is locked down, boarded up and on guard for the ushering in of the new leader in hopes of preventing a scene like the one that played out to the nation's horror on Jan. 6 as a mob stormed the Capitol." The Times reports the increased security has the District "anxious, as rumors spread about threats of attacks by domestic terrorists looking to upset the transfer of power," and "dog walkers, bikers and people out for a stroll have been caught up in a surreal, fortified corn maze of ever-changing metal security barriers across sidewalks and roadways that seem to be open one minute and closed the next."

**Capitol Police Arrest Virginia Man With Handgun, 500 Rounds Of Ammunition At DC Security Checkpoint.** The New York Times (1/16, Begel-Burroughs, Benner, 20.6M) reports US Capitol Police on Friday arrested Wesley A. Beeler "at a security checkpoint in Washington on Friday after he flashed what an officer described as an 'unauthorized' inauguration credential and a search of his truck found an unregistered handgun and ammunition, the authorities said." The Times adds a federal law enforcement "official said...Beeler, 31, worked as a contractor, and that his credential was issued by the Park Police, but was not recognized by the police officer."

The AP (1/16, Balsamo) reports that court documents "say an officer noticed Beeler had 'firearms-related stickers' on his vehicle and asked him if he had any weapons inside," and "say Beeler told the officers he had a handgun under the armrest and police detained him at the scene." The AP adds that police "found a high-capacity magazine in the 9mm handgun" in his car, "along with more than 500 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle," and officials "said he didn't have a license to carry the gun in Washington."

The Washington Post (1/16, Contrera, Leonnig, Mettler, 10.52M) reports Beeler "was arrested on charges of carrying a pistol without a license, possession of an unregistered firearm and possession of unregistered ammunition, a Capitol Police spokesperson said." The Post adds that in a "tear-filled interview," Beeler "said he has spent the past week working as hired security in downtown Washington ahead of the inauguration" and "said he forgot that his firearm was in his truck when he left his home in Virginia, where he said he has a license to carry. He said he realized it was there halfway through his trip but that he was running late, so he didn't turn around. He denied that he had the more than 500 rounds of ammunition listed in his arrest report."

The Hill (1/16, Polus, 5.69M) reports Beeler told the Post that he "forgot he had the Glock pistol and ammunition in his truck, and that he is authorized to legally carry the weapon in his home state of Virginia." He said, “I was just ma forgetting to take it out of my truck before I left for work.” Beeler added, “I don't know what the D.C. laws are. It still comes back on me, but I'm not a criminal.” The Washington Times (1/16, Blake, 628K) says that according to the Post, he "has since been released by a judge on his own recognizance, with no objection from prosecutors."

Bloomberg (1/17, Weiss, Shields, 3.57M) says the arrest comes "at a time of high alert in Washington as it prepares for Wednesday's inauguration of...Biden" after supporters of President Trump "overran the Capitol on Jan. 6, when lawmakers were meeting to officially recognize Biden's win." The Wall Street Journal (1/16, Bykowicz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) and The Hill (1/16, Polus, 5.69M), among other outlets, provide similar coverage.

**Transit Officials Preparing For “Potentially Violent” Inaugural Crowd.** Politico (1/16, Snycter, Beasley, 6.73M) reports, "Inaugurals are always crowded affairs with hefty security and complex logistics," but "the riot at the U.S. Capitol building last week has officials from airports, airlines, transit agencies, Amtrak and more preparing for a repeat, as potentially violent protesters crowd into the city for...Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration." Politico highlights that among the precautions being taken, "airlines are banning guns and suspending alcohol service," Amtrak "is beefing up its police force to prepare for anti-mask riders," airports are "creating safe zones" for lawmakers, "and security agencies are calling in extra agents to help keep the peace as Washington, D.C. braces for an inauguration Day like no other."
Kenneth Moton reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 3, 0:33, Llamas, 839K), that since “the Capitol riots,” the Transportation Security Administration has been "working with law enforcement, reviewing hundreds of names to see if anyone should be added to the no-fly list." Moton added that travelers "who fly in and out of the city and at airports across this country will see stepped up security at TSA checkpoints ahead of the inauguration." In addition, Reuters (1/16, Bachman, Levine, Schiangenstein, 3.57M) reports Delta Air Lines Inc. on Friday "followed United Airlines Holdings Inc. in extending a ban on guns in checked baggage to include Richmond, Virginia," while Southwest Airlines Co. "joined American Airlines Group Inc. in announcing similar restrictions for flights going to three Washington-area airports." Meanwhile, The Hill (1/16, Axelrod, 5.39M) reports that Amtrak "announced Saturday that it is suspending some service south of Washington, D.C., due to security concerns surrounding Wednesday's inauguration of...Biden."

Experts Warn Extremists Likely To Use Attack On Capitol To Recruit Members "For Years To Come." The New York Times (1/16, A1, MacFarquhar, Healy, Kovaleski, 20.6M) reports the diverse far-right groups and white nationalists emboldened under President Trump have been “galvanized by the outgoing president’s false claims that the election was stolen from him — and by the violent attack on the nation’s Capitol that hundreds of them fed in his name,” which served as “a propaganda coup for the far right, and those who track hate groups say the attack is likely to join an extremist lexicon with Waco, Ruby Ridge and the Bundy occupation of an Oregon wildlife preserve in fueling recruitment and violence for years to come.” The Times adds the removal of extremist groups from Facebook and Twitter “succeeded in disrupting their organizing, experts say, but such efforts have pushed them into tougher-to-track forms of communication including encrypted apps that will make it harder to trace extremist activities.”

On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 2, 2:04, Diaz, 3.36M), Senior Investigative Correspondent Catherine Herridge said US government officials "tell CBS News that recent bulletins from Homeland Security, FBI, and other intelligence agencies conclude the greatest threat to the inauguration is domestic violent extremists, known by law enforcement as OVEs." Herridge added, "According to a recent intelligence assessment, the conditions that got us here include political division, especially over the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election; grievances over policing and police brutality; and the ripple effect of COVID-19 lockdowns; as well as the successful breach of the Capitol building last week. That’s seen as a driver of further violence."

In addition, the AP (1/18, Reeves, Smyth) reports "war-like imagery" has spread among Republicans “after the attack on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of Trump’s supporters, with some elected officials and party leaders rejecting pleas to tone down rhetoric calling for a second civil war.” According to the AP, “The heightened rhetoric mimics language far-right extremists and white supremacists have used for years, and it follows a year of civil unrest over the killing of George Floyd, a Black man, by a white police officer and its links to systemic racism.”

Federal Prisons Enter Lockdown Ahead Of Inauguration. The AP (1/16, Sisek, Balsamo) reports, “All federal prisons in the United States have been placed on lockdown, with officials aiming to quell any potential violence that could arise behind bars as law enforcement prepares for potentially violent protests across the country in the run-up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday.” The lockdown became effective “at 12 a.m. Saturday, according to an email to employees from the president of the union representing federal correctional officers.” In a statement, the Bureau of Prisons said, “in light of current events occurring around the country, and out of an abundance of caution, the decision has been made to secure all institutions.”

Spokesman Confirms FEMA To Supply National Guardsmen Stationed At US Capitol With Cots. Politico (1/16, Seligman, Bertrand, 6.73M) reports the National Guard post providing security in the U.S. Capitol ahead of the inauguration are soon getting cots, after images went viral last week of troops sleeping on the floor in the halls of Congress, according to four people familiar with the decision,” and a spokesperson “confirmed Saturday that Federal Emergency Management Agency received a formal request through the D.C. Emergency Operations Center for more than 1,200 cots “to provide comfort for members of the National Guard supporting law enforcement and the upcoming presidential inauguration in D.C.”

DC Activists Seek To Help Homeless In Anticipation Of Potential Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Swenson, 10.52M) reports the District, “still shaking off the shock of the violent Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, is now prepping for more potential unrest at this week’s presidential inauguration,” and local activists are now worrying about the D.C. residents who cannot afford to flee the city or lockdown safely at home. If protests again turn ugly during the inauguration, those without shelter could be caught between battling police and extremists or make easy targets for instigators.” The Post highlights that activists collected donated Metro cards “to give D.C.’s homeless population the opportunity to leave the area if they wished to do so.”

Christian Leaders Seek To Use Inauguration Week Prayer Event To Promote Unity. The AP (1/16, Schor) reports that as “a politically divided nation prepares to inaugurate a new president in the wake of a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, a group of Christian leaders is hoping to ease tensions through prayer during three days of ecumenical, nonpartisan programming.” The AP says the #PeaceWithJustice campaign “aims to project spiritual unity and counter people’s feelings of helplessness with action, during a time of high alert with thousands of troops securing the capital following the Jan. 6 violence,
which has led to about 120 arrests so far." The AP says the event, which will be held online, will also coincide with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**March For Life Calls On Supporters Not To Gather In DC This Year Due To Pandemic, Unrest.** The AP (1/16, Carey) reports organizers for "the March for Life, the anti-abortion movement's preeminent annual event, are asking their supporters nationwide not to gather in Washington this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and political unrest." The AP adds a "small group of invited anti-abortion leaders" will instead "march Jan. 29, and the event will be livestreamed, March for Life's president, Jeanne Mancini, announced Friday."

**NYTimes A1: Security Officials Did Not Notify Congressional Leaders Of Capitol Police's Request For Backup.** The New York Times (1/15, A1, Barnes, Schmidt, Broadwater, Goldman, 20.6M) reports on its front page that in the days prior to "the mob attack on the Capitol, congressional security officials never let House and Senate leaders know that the Capitol Police had warned they might need National Guard backup, according to a congressional aide and other people familiar with the matter." The Times adds Capitol Police "asked the sergeants-at-arms to request that the National Guard be placed on standby," but "the sergeants-at-arms, Michael C. Stenger of the Senate and Paul Irving of the House, rejected the request without raising the issue with either the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, or Speaker Nancy Pelosi, according to the aide and another person familiar with the matter."

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/15, A1, Leonnig, 10.52M) reports on its front page that on Jan. 3, "an internal Capitol Police intelligence report warned of a violent scenario in which ‘Congress itself could be the target of angry supporters of... Trump on Jan. 6, laying out a stark alert that deepens questions about the security failures that day." The Post says the 12-page report from "the intelligence unit for the congressional police force described how thousands of enraged protesters, egged on by Trump and flanked by white supremacists and extreme militia groups, were likely to stream into Washington armed for battle. This time, the focus of their ire was members of Congress, the report said."

**FEMA Employees Reported Official Who Attended Trump’s “Stop The Steal” Rally To DHS IG, FBI.** Politico (1/15, Bertrand, Cheney, 0.73M) reports Chris Grisafe, associate administrator for resilience for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, "which has been assisting in preparations for the Inauguration next week, attended President Donald Trump's ‘Stop the Steal’ rally on Jan. 6,” though he "claimed that he did not move with the crowd from the rally area near the White House to the Capitol grounds." Politico adds Grisafe’s attendance "alarmed some FEMA staff, according to one person familiar with the matter, and several employees reported it to the DHS Inspector General and the FBI."

**Sund Says Intelligence Did Not Predict “Armed, Violent Attack” On Capitol.** On CBS 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M), former US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund was asked about his decision to resign in the wake of the January 6 siege on the Capitol. Sund said, “I understand how things work. I'm the chief. The visuals of what I watched were alarming.” Sund added House Speaker Pelosi went on "national TV and basically made everybody feel that it was a failure on my part. If that's how the leadership feels, then I have no problem. Then, I will step down to let this department move forward." Asked about a report from his intelligence unit which warned the rally could become violent, Sund said Capitol Police had been “expecting some large crowds,” and knew “some people...may be armed,” but there was no intelligence "about an armed, violent attack on the United States Capitol building."

**Reporter’s Footage Shows Capitol Violence.** The New Yorker (1/17, Gessen, 5.31M) reports that its contributing writer Luke Mogelson attended President Trump’s speech on Jan. 6 and then “followed the President’s supporters as they forced their way into the U.S. Capitol, using his phone’s camera as a reporter’s notebook.” Tom Llamas said in the lead ABC World News Tonight (1/17, lead story, 4:50, 4.44M) story that the New Yorker video includes "disturbing new footage of the Capitol riots, images not yet seen of violent clashes and the buildings were breached and members of the mob filled the Senate chamber outnumbering police and revealing their disturbing intentions, what they were saying as they ransacked the Senate and the threat of more attacks." ABC’s Matt Gutman added the video shows the "mob invading the Capitol with sinister intent" and he described Mogelson as "a silent witness as they rifle through senators’ documents like a squad of amateur spies."

On NBC Nightly News (1/17, story 2, 2:30, Snow, 3.76M), Vaughn Hillyard also said the “shocking video” shows "Trump supporters climbing through the busted doors and windows,” and “threatening the police,” and "claiming Sen. Ted Cruz is on their side.” Hillyard added, “One man, Jake Angeli, with clear contempt for Vice President Pence, taking a seat in his chair.” According to Hillyard, the videos have been helping the FBI, which "says that they have received 150,000 photo and video tips related to the attack so far. And authorities say they still are working on more than 300 open cases."

**WPPost: Attack On Capitol Reinforces Need For Federal Law Enforcement To Use Body Cameras.** The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) editorializes that the resistance of federal law enforcement to wearing body cameras on January 6 "got renewed attention with the assault on the Capitol by supporters of President Trump seeking to overturn the results of the
The Post adds that despite the footage from journalists and those involved in the riot, “there was no footage from the Capitol Police who were on the front lines of the insurrection. Had they been equipped with body cams, questions about their actions – as well as information about the atrocities committed against them – would have been easier to answer.”

**DOJ, DHS And Pentagon IGs To Probe Capitol Security Failures.** The AP (1/15, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that “federal watchdogs launched a sweeping review of how the FBI, the Pentagon and other law enforcement agencies responded to the riot at the U.S. Capitol, including whether there were failures in information sharing and other preparations that left the historic symbol of democracy vulnerable to assault.” The AP adds the investigations by the inspectors general “for the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, Interior and Defense, could result in searing criticism of the government’s handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials.” The AP adds that the reviews “will encompass everything from whether the FBI adequately shared information with other law enforcement agencies about the potential for violence to how the Pentagon mobilized for the Jan. 6 crisis.”

The New York Times (1/15, Benner, Thrush, 20.6M) states that in the days since “the attack, it has become clear that federal agencies, including the F.B.I., did not do enough to heed alarms, raised within the bureau itself, that far-right extremists allied with President Trump planned to attack the Capitol.” The Times reports that “several people on a terrorist watch list were also in Washington for the rally by Mr. Trump that devolved into the assault.” The Times adds that “questions have arisen about the Pentagon’s delay in sending national guard troops to help Capitol Police officers.”

According to the Washington Post (1/15, Barrett, Ryan, 10.52M), “The announcement of such a probe, as the FBI’s sprawling national investigation into the attack is barely a week old, underscores the degree of concern in government circles that vital intelligence may have been missed or mishandled.” The Post says “law enforcement officials insisted Friday that that effort was only gaining steam, saying they have filed 98 criminal cases against people, and opened nearly 300 cases on individuals under investigation for rioting. Those figures, they said, would continue to grow as they examine more than 100,000 tips received from the public.”

The New York Times (1/15, Sullivan, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that the FBI “has conducted dozens of interviews in the killing of the Capitol Police officer who died after confronting the pro-Trump mob last week and other assaults on law enforcement during the violence.” According to the Times, “An earlier F.B.I. memo, sent to the private sector and others, had wrongly said that the bureau was investigating 37 people in the death of the officer, Brian Sicknick, but it relied on incorrect internal information.” The Times says it is “not clear how many people the F.B.I. have identified who might have information about Mr. Sicknick’s killing.” On the CBS Evening News (1/15, story 3, 2:33, O’Donnell, 4.08M), Kris Van Cleave interviewed two officers “who were nearly killed by the mob.”

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/15, Weiner, 10.52M) reports a Capitol Police officer “shook hands with two people in the mob and admitted defeat, according to” two men interviewed by the FBI for their involvement in the riot. The Post adds that while “no specific officer is identified in charging papers by federal law enforcement officials, who are relying on the defendants’ own recounting of their experience inside the Capitol,” other court documents “described Capitol Police officers’ failed attempts to hold back the crowd.” However, the Wall Street Journal (1/15, Hobbs, Grimaldi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports in an exclusive that Lt. Tarik Khalid Johnson, a Capitol Police officer who was suspended after wearing a red Make America Great Again hat during the unrest, claimed he wore the MAGA hat in a bid to reach and assist his colleagues, “and one witness said the lieutenant’s action enabled a set of doors to the Capitol to be closed, shutting off an entry point to more intruders.”

Politico (1/15, Niedzwiecki, 6.73M) reported that the DOJ “announced Friday it has initiated an internal review of its response to the Jan. 6 incursion on the U.S. Capitol building, as the federal government takes a hard look at its failure to prevent a deadly riot that breached the halls of Congress.” DOJ IG Michael Horowitz “said that the investigation will examine the intelligence the department had preceding the deadly riots, how it distributed that information with other agencies, and actions during the crisis.”

The Hill (1/15, Balsam, Chalfant, 5.69M) reported Horowitz published a statement, saying, “The DOJ IG review will include examining information relevant to the January 6 events that was available to DOJ and its components in advance of January 6; the extent to which such information was shared by DOJ and its components with the U.S. Capitol Police and other federal, state, and local agencies; and the role of DOJ personnel in responding to the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.”

Reuters (1/15) reported that the probe will “be coordinated with other federal agencies whose law enforcement arms were also involved in responding to the assault, including the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior.” The AP (1/15) reported that the investigation “could result in searing criticism of the government’s handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials.”
House Committees Open Investigations into Capitol Hill Siege. The Hill (1/18, 5.69M) reported that the House Intelligence Committee, Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Oversight and Reform Committee have "announced a review of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6." The panel "sent a letter to the nation's top law enforcement and intelligence officials asking for documents into what 'warning signs' were missed prior to the riot, if there were 'systemic failures' and how to best address 'countering domestic violent extremism.'" The letter "called for documents and briefings from the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Counterterrorism Center and the Director of National Intelligence on what was known ahead of the attack."

CNBC (1/16, Higgins, 7.34M) reported that the committees wrote, "This still-emerging story is one of astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent and high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness."

Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M) reports House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff, Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, Oversight Chairman Carolyn Maloney, and Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson on Saturday announced "an investigation into 'high-level failures' of intelligence and security planning that left the Capitol vulnerable to insurrection on Jan. 6." They wrote, "This still-emerging story is one of astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent and high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness." They also pledged to "conduct robust oversight to understand what warning signs may have been missed, determine whether there were systemic failures, and consider how to best address countering domestic violent extremism, including remedying any gaps in legislation or policy."

Meanwhile, Kenneth Moton reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 2, 1:19, Moton, 389K) that the FBI is "investigating whether lawmakers aided pro-Trump rioters by giving building tours the day before." In addition, the FBI is "investigating whether foreign governments, organizations or individuals provided financial support to extremists who helped plan and execute the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol," one current and one former FBI official told NBC News (1/16, Dilanian, 4.94M), which reports the bureau "is examining payments of $500,000 in Bitcoin, apparently by a French national, to key figures and groups in the all-right before the riot, the sources said."

In a nearly 2,400-word front-page article, the New York Times (1/16, A1, Kirkpatrick, Mcintire, Triebert, 20.6M) reports, "Much is still unknown about the planning and financing of the storming of the Capitol, aiming to challenge Mr. Trump's electoral defeat. What is clear is that it was driven, in part, by a largely ad hoc network of low-budget agitators, including far-right militants, Christian conservatives and ardent adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory." According to the Times, "The sheer breadth of the movement...suggests it may be far more difficult to confront than a single organization."

FBI Investigating Whether Rioter Took Laptop From Pelosi's Office. On the lead NBC Nightly News (1/18, lead story, 3:15, Holt, 6.27M) story, Tom Costello reported that as of Monday, "at least 139 have been arrested by the FBI and DC police. At least 330 open FBI cases." Costello added Riley June Williams is "facing multiple charges including assaulting police." and Reuters (1/18, Wolfe) reports the FBI is investigating if she "took a laptop computer or hard drive from" House Speaker Pelosi's office "during the Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol and tried to sell the device to Russian intelligence, according to a court filing."

However, the AP (1/18) reports the FBI "said in an arrest warrant Sunday [that] Williams hasn't been charged with theft but only with illegally entering the Capitol and with disorderly conduct." USA Today (1/18, Brown, 12.7M) reports Williams "can be seen directing rioters towards Pelosi's office in footage obtained by the FBI."

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Rector, 3.37M) reports, "A romantic partner of Williams' told the FBI that the Harrisburg, Pa., resident 'intended to send the device to a friend in Russia, who then planned to sell the device to SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence service,' an agent wrote." The FBI is so far "unable to confirm the tip," wrote FBI agent Jonathan Lund, who added that Williams had deleted her social media accounts and appeared to be on the run."

The Washington Post (1/18, Hsu, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, "Williams can be seen in an ITV News video posted to YouTube, taken from inside the Capitol wearing a green T-shirt and a brown trench coat with a zebra-print bag, directing rioters up a staircase toward Pelosi's office, the FBI said." The woman in the video "can be seen pushing people forward amid a crowd," and another "video and photographs capture Williams entering or insite the Capitol, according to law enforcement." An FBI agent "said police in Harrisburg confirmed with Williams' father, of Camp Hill, Pa., that the pair drove to Washington for the Jan. 6 demonstration and then back home but did not stay together during the event."

Also reporting are the Philadelphia Inquirer (1/18, Roebuck), The Hill (1/18, Williams, 5.69M), The Daily Beast (1/18, Ross, 933K), and CNN (1/18, Polantz, 89.2M).
US Attorney For DC Downplays Claims Rioters Had Coordinated Plots To Kidnap Or Kill Officials.
The AP (1/15, Richer, Billeaud) reports that while federal prosecutors on Thursday said there is ‘strong evidence’ the pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week aimed to ‘capture and assassinate elected officials,’ they ‘backed away from the allegation after the head of the investigation cautioned Friday that the probe is still in its early stages and there was no ‘direct evidence’ of such intentions.’

While the Washington Post (1/15, Armstrong, 10.52M) reports the court filing “said [Chansley] left an ominous note for Vice President Pence at his desk in the Senate chamber,” Assistant US Attorney Todd Allison on Friday ‘walked back the claim of an assassination plot, saying that while it ‘may very well be appropriate at a trial,’ raising it at this stage could ‘mislead the court.’” In addition, Reuters (1/15, Wolfe, Lynch) reports Michael Sherwin, the US Attorney for the District of Columbia, on Friday said there is currently no direct evidence of efforts to capture or assassinate lawmakers in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. However, the Wall Street Journal (1/15, Gurman, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Sherwin conceded, “There are breadcrumbs of organization.”

Pelosi Suggests Some Members Of Congress May Have Been “Accomplices To This Insurrection.”
The AP (1/15) reports House Speaker Pelosi on Friday suggested “there may be a need to prosecute members of Congress if any are found to have assisted the pro-Trump rioters in last week’s attack on the Capitol.” The AP says her remarks underscore some Democrats’ suggestions that some GOP lawmakers helped President Trump’s supporters believe “Trump’s false charges that his presidential election loss was due to vote fraud,” and they “also highlight the extraordinary distrust and anger that’s grown in Congress since the attack, which led to this week’s House impeachment of Trump.”

Reuters (1/15, Cornell) reports Pelosi was “asked whether any actions would be taken against lawmakers who may have brought tours to the Capitol on Jan. 5, the day before the attack by pro-Trump rioters.” Pelosi responded, “If in fact it is found that members of Congress were accomplices to this insurrection, if they aided and abetted the crimes, there have to be actions taken beyond the Congress, in terms of prosecution for that.” According to Reuters, Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) has accused Republicans of inciting the Trump supporters, saying she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the Capitol the day before the attack, while “more than 30 House Democrats have asked the acting House and Senate sergeants-at-arms and the acting head of the Capitol Police for information about who was in the building on Jan. 5.” On the CBS Evening News (1/15, story 4, 1:12, O’Donnell, 4.08M), Nancy Cordes reported: “Several lawmakers or their aides have told us that they saw large groups in House office buildings, in violation of House rules the day before the riot.”

The Washington Post (1/15, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) “came out swinging to deny any involvement in that incident, although no Democrats have publicly named her.” The Post adds the “gun rights advocate with links to the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory...said the allegations have been falsely linked to her.” In a letter to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Boebert wrote, “You said that you could ‘confirm’ a Member of Congress gave Capitol tours to ‘insurrectionists’ and implied I was that Member of Congress.” She added, “I did not conspire with criminals that attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6. I have never given a tour of the U.S. Capitol to any outside group or ‘insurrectionists.’”

Meanwhile, Tom Costello reported on NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 7, 1:40, Costello, 5.57M) that Capitol Police and the FBI told NBC News they are investigating whether Republican members of Congress aided the mob. The New York Times (1/15, Broadwater, Fandos, 20.6M) reports the Capitol Police probe “came to light as...Pelosi announced that she had named Russel L. Honoré, a retired Army lieutenant general, to lead a security review of the Capitol in the wake of the riot.”

Rep. Cohen Says He Saw Boebert Guiding Tour In Days Before Capitol Insurrection. CNN (1/18, Sciutto, Nobles, Grayer, 89.21M) reports on its website that Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) on Monday accused Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) of “guiding a group of people through the Cannon House Office Building tunnel in the days leading up to the Capitol riot on January 6.” On CNN Newsroom, Cohen said he and Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) saw Boebert “taking a group of people for a tour sometime after the 3rd and before the 6th.” He added, “Whether these people were people that were involved in the insurrection or not, I do not know.” CNN says his claim “is significant because it is the first time a member of Congress has specifically accused another member of giving a tour of the Capitol complex prior to the riot.” However, Boebert responded, “The only people I have ever had in the Capitol with me during the 117th Congress are my young children, husband, mom, aunt and uncle.”
WPost A1: Rioters Came “Perilously Close” To Pences. The Washington Post (1/15, A1, Parker, Leonnig, Kane, Brown, 10.52M), citing “law enforcement officials and video footage,” reports on its front page that “the violent mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 came perilously close to Vice President Pence, who was not evacuated from the Senate chamber for about 14 minutes after the Capitol Police reported an initial attempted breach of the complex — enough time for the marauders to rush inside the building and approach his location.” According to the Post, “Secret Service officers eventually spirited Pence to a room off the Senate floor with his wife and daughter after rioters began to pour into the Capitol, many loudly denouncing the vice president as a traitor as they marched through the first floor below the Senate chamber.” The Post adds, “About one minute after Pence was hustled out of the chamber, a group charged up the stairs to a second-floor landing in the Senate, ... Pence and his family had just ducked into a hideaway less than 100 feet from that landing.” CNBC (1/15, Pramuk, 7.34M) has similar reporting about the rioters’ proximity to Pence.

Harris Says Capitol Attack Reminiscent Of Charlottesville. The Hill (1/15, Gottleber, 5.69M) reports Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) in an NPR interview on Thursday “said seeing photographs of rioters carrying the Confederate flag through the Senate hallways during last week’s pro-Trump siege at the Capitol was a reminder that ‘we still have a lot of work to do’.” Harris said, “It was the same thing that went through my mind when I saw Charlottesville. I mean, it’s the same thing that went through my mind when I saw a picture of Emmett Till.” She continued, “Sadly, it is not the first time I have seen a demonstration like what you are describing in the history of our country.” Harris added, “It is a reminder that we still have a lot of work to do.”

WPost Analysis: “Established Conservative Insiders And Activists” Planned January 6 Rallies. According to the Washington Post (1/17, O’Harrow, 10.52M), “The fiery rallies that preceded the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 were organized and promoted by an array of established conservative insiders and activists, documents and videos show.” The Post highlights that the Republican Attorneys General Association “was involved, as were the activist groups Turning Point Action and Tea Party Patriots. At least six current or former members of the Council for National Policy (CNP), an influential group that for decades has served as a hub for conservative and Christian activists, also played roles in promoting the rallies.” Per the Post, the rallies “were staged not by white nationalists and other extremists, but by well-funded nonprofit groups and individuals that figure prominently in the machinery of conservative activism in Washington,” but it concede “organizing warm-up events is not the same thing as plotting to invade the Capitol.”

AP Review: Some Former Trump Campaign Aides Had Staffed Rally Prior To Capitol Violence. An AP (1/17, Lardner, Smith) review has found “more than half a dozen” members of President Trump’s reelection campaign “played key roles in orchestrating the Washington rally that spawned a deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol,” which “undercuts claims the event was the brainchild of the president’s grassroots supporters.” The AP says that although Women for America First, “a pro-Trump nonprofit,” had hosted the “Save America Rally” on Jan. 6, “an attachment to the National Park Service public gathering permit granted to the group lists” former campaign staff as staffers for the rally, and “at least one was working for the Trump campaign this month,” while “at least three of the Trump campaign aides named on the permit rushed to obscure their connections to the demonstration.”

Sunday Protests At Capitols Across US Were Small And Nonviolent. The AP (1/17) reports, “Small groups of right-wing protesters — some of them carrying rifles — gathered outside heavily fortified statehouses around the country Sunday, outnumbered by National Guard troops and police brought in to prevent a repeat of the violence that erupted at the U.S. Capitol. As darkness fell, there were no reports of any clashes.” The Los Angeles Times (1/17, 3.37M) reports, “Fears of major protests by armed, far-right Trump supporters outside the Capitol and at state capitols Sunday proved unfounded, with only small groups, some carrying weapons, gathering in a handful of cities.”

Trevor Ault reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 3, 1:35, Llamas, 4.44M) that in “a stunning show of force, heavily armed law enforcement surrounded state capitols, bracing for potentially dangerous demonstrations. ... Small crowds of Trump supporters protest[ed] in half a dozen states, many of them armed but peaceful.” David Begnaud said on the CBS Weekend News (1/17, lead story, 3:20, 1.3M), “Around the country today, there was outrage, but no protests. The FBI had warned that the far-right group the Boogaloo Bois might show up at capitols around the country today to protest. Sure enough, they came” to Lansing, Michigan, “but they were small in number, and it was all peaceful.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, “In the end, it was for a handful of protesters, most from the right, a few from the left, many looking more like ragtag stragglers than the furious mob of Trump supporters that ransacked the U.S. Capitol” on January 6. In Concord, New Hampshire, “five masked men dressed in tactical gear and carrying assault rifles gathered on the sidewalk in front of the statehouse lawn to express concerns about ‘government overreach.’” In Lansing, “National Guard soldiers watched as a dozen members of the far-right Boogaloo Bois group showed up with military-style weapons.” The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) reports that in Annapolis, Maryland, “where local police, state troopers and National Guardsmen were
protesting the Maryland State House, the most rambunctious activity came from local dogs that wanted to greet the bomb-sniffing canines patrolling the area.”

The Chicago Tribune (1/17, 2.03M) reports that in Springfield, Illinois, “there were no demonstrations, with the exception of a man who waved a ‘Black Lives Matter’ flag in front of the 153-year-old home of the General Assembly for a few minutes Sunday and then left.” The San Francisco Chronicle (1/17, 2.44M) reports that in Sacramento, California, “the only political presence of any kind was supplied by Christian Alvarado, who stood in front of the Capitol with an American flag and a yellow mask scrawled with ‘E Pluribus Unum,’ to show his support for lawmakers, police and the National Guard troops who were protecting the statehouse.”

The Carroll Free Press (1/17, 2.16M) reports, “As of 3 p.m., there were no violent incidents nor arrests” at the Capitol building in Lansing, Michigan, “as almost all protesters had already left the building and its surrounding area.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/17, 1.46M) reports “two men armed with rifles over their shoulders showed up” at the Capitol building in Atlanta. Shortly before they arrived, “six protesters walked up, chanting: ‘Black lives matter!’ and ‘No justice, no peace, no racist police!’ The group marched around the Capitol as they chanted.”

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/17) reports the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Capitol complex “was closed to the public and largely empty, save for police, national guardsmen and reporters and photographers, many of whom gathered around a lone protester named Alex.” In Trenton, New Jersey, “a lone protester with a ‘Stop the Steal’ sign loitered for less than half an hour in front of the New Jersey State Senate Annex Sunday morning.” The Boston Globe (1/17, 1.04M) reports “no protesters were visible” in the vicinity of the Massachusetts Capitol.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/17, 855K) reports “a small number of people” turned out at the Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota. USA Today (1/17, 12.7M) has an online summary of protest activity across the nation on Sunday. Reuters (1/17), the Wall Street Journal (1/17, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Politico (1/17, 8.73M), and The Hill (1/17, 5.59M) also report.

Annual Virginia Pro-Gun Event Much Smaller in Wake Of Capitol Siege. The Richmond Times-Dispatch (1/18, 461K) reports that Del. Kirk Cox (R), “a GOP candidate for governor, supports gun rights, but Monday he called out the Boogaloo Boys who showed up in Richmond Monday on his Twitter account.” He said, “These people aren’t protestors, they’re provocateurs. They’re not welcome at our Capitol and they need to go home before someone gets hurt. Grateful for our law enforcement officers and their work to keep us safe.” Fox News (1/18, Attkan, 23.99M) reports on its website that “a Black Lives Matter counterprotest of some dozen or two dozen members also appeared, though by midday the groups had not interacted.”

Michigan Senate Majority Leader Advised Militia Leaders In September. Michigan Advance (1/18) reports that the month “before 13 men were charged by state and federal law enforcement for a far-right plot to allegedly kidnap and execute” Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) “had a sitdown conversation with leaders of three Michigan-based militias.” However, according to the Advance, the September meeting “was not the first time Shirkey was arm-in-arm with militia members.”

Pentagon Increases Efforts To Identify Far-Right Extremism In Ranks. The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt, Steinhauer, Cooper, 20.6M) reports, “The Pentagon is intensifying efforts to identify and combat white supremacy and other far-right extremism in its ranks.” Although it is “still in its very early stages,” the FBI investigation “identified at least six suspects with military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault.” In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “These people are not representative of our country’s military” and “said most active-duty troops and veterans ‘continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution.’”
Barr Reportedly Told Trump in December Theories About Stolen Election Were False. The Hill (1/18, Bynes, 5.69M) reports that former AG Barr "reportedly pushed back strongly on President Trump when discussing claims the president was circulating about the election being 'stolen' from him," according to Axios. In early December, Barr "told the president that such theories of a stolen election were 'false.'" Other aides at the meeting, "including White House counsel Pat Cipollone, were reportedly surprised that the attorney general had made the comment, though did not disagree with his remarks."

Barr reportedly told Trump that his allegations of widespread voter fraud were not "panning out" and "the stuff that these people are filling your ear with just isn't true." The AG "reportedly emphasized that the DOJ had reviewed the major claims put forward by the president's lawyers."

DOJ Releases More Than 121 Pages Of Mueller Team’s Flynn Interviews. The Washington Examiner (1/15, Dunleavy, 888K) reports that DOJ last week released "more than 100 pages of FBI interview notes from retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn’s discussions with special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigative team in 2017 and 2018." The 121 pages of records "detail 14 interviews that the former Trump national security adviser had with Mueller’s investigative team – five in November 2017, three in January 2018, one in April 2018, four in May 2018, and one in September 2018."

Graham Releases Documents From Russia Probe Leading To Additional Revelations. In an exclusive, Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports, "Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham on Friday released a slew of additional documents and transcripts related to his panel’s investigation into the origins and aftermath of the Trump-Russia probe," Graham called "the original probe 'one of the most incompetent and corrupt investigations in the history of the FBI and DOJ." Graham "released transcripts of interviews with FBI and Justice Department officials conducted by the committee between March 3, 2020 and October 29, 2020," pertaining to "Crossfire Hurricane."

The Washington Examiner (1/15, Dunleavy, 888K) reports, "The transcripts included interviews with former top DOJ official Bruce Ohr, who had acted as a secret back channel for British ex-spy Christopher Steele and who resigned in September, and Dana Boente, the former FBI general counsel and briefly acting attorney general." Boente, "along with Comey, signed off on the second renewal for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrants targeting former Trump campaign associate Carter Page."

Last week, other witness transcripts released "include Michael Steinbach, the former FBI executive assistant director who had concerns about Strzok and former FBI lawyer Lisa Page working together and Stuart Evans." Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/17, Ross, 375K).

The Daily Caller (1/17, Ross, 375K) reports separately that Michael Gaeta, a "veteran FBI agent who served as handler for Trump dossier author Christopher Steele," told a "Senate panel that he viewed the ex-British spy as 'completely untrustworthy,'" according to the documents. Gaeta "served as a liaison between Steele and the Crossfire Hurricane team that investigated possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian government. He was the first FBI agent to receive copies of a dossier that Steele compiled on Donald Trump as part of an investigation funded by the Clinton campaign and DNC."

Reporting similarly is the Washington (D.C.) Examiner (1/18, Dunleavy, 888K).

Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports separately, "An agent involved in the FBI’s original Trump-Russia case left the Crossfire Hurricane team amid a ‘professional disagreement’ with Bill Priestap, after the former assistant director of counterintelligence denied his request for an ‘enhanced validation review’ of Christopher Steele’s reporting," according to the documents released last week. The agent testified, "I had questions about our intel validation ongoing in the Counterintelligence Division, and all of that contributed to my professional disagreement." Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/18, Ross, 375K).

US Grand Jury Indictment Charges Pair Of Hawaii Men With Hate Crime Stemming From 2014 Incident. The AP (1/15, McAvoy) reports, "A U.S. grand jury indictment unsealed Friday charged two Hawaii men with one count of a hate crime after they allegedly attacked a white man who was attempting to move into their Maui neighborhood." According to the AP, "Court documents said Kaulana Alo Kaohai and Levi Aki, Jr. punched, kicked and used a shovel to beat a man identified only as C.K., who was Knocked unconscious. Moreover, prosecutors said that C.K., sustained a concussion as well as a pair of broken ribs. The incident occurred during February of 2014.

Americans Being Targeted By COVID Vaccine Scams. NBC Nightly News (1/16, story 7, 2:24, Diaz-Balart, 5.78M) reported on "alarming COVID vaccine scams asking for your health and financial information and promising appointments for doses that simply don’t exist." According to correspondent Jo Ling Kent, a large number of "Americans eligible for the vaccine" have been "targeted by a growing number of scams through social media, e-mail, phone calls and texts. The Department of Health and Human Services says cases are rising with scammers chasing your social security number, bank information and medical identity." Kent asked HHS Office of Inspector General Assistant Special Agent in Charge Nenette Day,
“What are some of the examples” of scams “that you’re seeing?” Day said, “We have had people say that they signed up for that vaccine trial, they gave their bank account information, and that money was taken out of their bank account.”

**Trump Administration Revokes Licenses To Sell To Huawei.** Citing “people familiar with the matter,” Reuters (1/17) reports that the Trump Administration has notified Huawei suppliers, including Intel, “that it is revoking certain licenses to sell to the Chinese company and intends to reject dozens of other applications to supply the telecommunications firm.” The move against Huawei, which Reuters says is likely the last under President Trump, “is the latest in a long-running effort to weaken the world’s largest telecommunications equipment maker, which says it is a threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests.” Reuters cites “sources familiar with the situation” who “said there was more than one revocation. One of the sources said eight licenses were yanked from four companies.”

**Pandemic, Protests Led To Record Gun Sales In 2020.** The Washington Post (1/18, Fisher, Berman, Spolar, 10.52M) report “gun sales typically soar in the weeks following the election of a Democratic president... but a Washington Post analysis of gun sales in 2020 finds no such surge in recent weeks.” Rather, purchases soared in March and April as the pandemic surged and then again “in July, in the weeks after massive protests against police brutality spread throughout the nation.” While sales continued at a high rate in November and December, “the numbers didn’t come close to spikes seen earlier in the year.” Overall, 2020 gun sales (23 million) represents a 64% increase over 2019 sales.

**Trump Expected To Issue “Around 100 Pardons And Commutations” Tuesday.** On the CBS Weekend News (1/17, story 3, 0:30, 1.3M), Jericka Duncan asked, “With just two full days left in office, are we still expecting more pardons or commutations from President Trump?” CBS’ Ben Tracy answered, “We are. Sources close to President Trump say a final batch of pardons is still coming. The big question is who is going to get one. The President might pardon his former political adviser Steve Bannon, who is now charged with mail fraud and money laundering. There is also the possibility that the President could try to preemptively pardon some of his adult children, or even himself.”

CNN (1/17, Diamond, Lipatak, Gangel, Brown, 89.2M) reports on its website that Trump “is preparing to issue around 100 pardons and commutations on his final full day in office Tuesday, according to three people familiar with the matter.” The “final batch of clemency actions is expected to include a mix of criminal justice reform-minded pardons and more controversial ones secured or doled out to political allies.” CNN adds that Julian Assange is “not currently believed to be among the people receiving pardons,” and it is “not certain whether [Bannon] will receive a pardon.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports that “a lucrative market for pardons is coming to a head, with some of his allies collecting fees from wealthy felons or their associates to push the White House for clemency, according to documents and interviews.” The Times says that “reflects the access peddling that has defined Mr. Trump’s presidency.” Axios (1/17, 1.26M) reports, “A flood of convicted criminals has retained lobbyists since November’s presidential election to press President Trump for pardons or commutations before he leaves office.”

**Trump Planning Joint Base Andrews Farewell Ceremony Wednesday Morning.** Norah O’Donnell reported on the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 4, 1:45, 4.42M), “On this day of national service, we did not see President Trump at all. Instead, with just hours left in his term tonight, President Trump is mulling over how many pardons he should issue and who should get them, and it could be a long list.” Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:20, Muir, 7.94M) that Trump is “planning a farewell ceremony for himself at Joint Base Andrews, with great military fanfare. Then he’ll board Air Force One for the last time and head to Mar-a-Lago, where moving trucks were spotted today. Before he goes, Trump is expected to announce about 100 pardons.”

Kristen Welker reported on NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 5, 1:55, Holt, 6.27M), “With just two days left in office, President Trump is behind closed doors, out of sight for nearly a week – poised to issue dozens of pardons in his final hours. ... The President is also planning for what will likely be a red carpet send-off celebration Wednesday morning, including a color guard, military band, and even a 21-gun salute.”

Kaitlan Collins reported on CNN (1/18, 1.26M), “Instead of the President being seated in the front row on Wednesday at Biden’s inauguration, he is planning to leave Washington earlier that morning. But first, he wants the sendoff ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, where basically he is expecting the military to be there, the red carpet to be rolled out. But he also wants something he often craves: that adoring crowd bidding him goodbye. So, the White House has started sending invitations to former Administration officials, friends of the President’s, some of his political allies here in Washington, inviting them, telling them they can bring up to five guests per invitation to come to Joint Base Andrews.”
Newsweek (1/18, 2.67M) reports Trump will leave the White House early Wednesday morning. Invitations for the Joint Base Andrews event, “scheduled for 6 a.m. on Wednesday, have been sent to supporters of Trump as well as former administration officials,” Bloomberg News reported. ... Trump is eschewing the tradition of presidents attending their successor’s inauguration ceremony and will instead be at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida when Biden is sworn in as the nation’s 46th president” at noon. ABC News (1/18, 2.44M) reports on its website, “While Trump’s sendoff is expected to have extra flourish, it’s not uncommon for an outgoing president to have a final departure ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, although it usually takes place after the outgoing president has departed the inauguration ceremony for their successor.”

The Guardian (UK) (1/18, 5.53M) reports, “For his last presidential ceremony, Trump reportedly wants an ostentatious military parade and an official armed forces farewell as the commander-in-chief. ... But latest reports indicate that Trump, who is facing an impeachment trial in the Senate and a number of criminal and civil investigations, will not be afforded a big military sendoff just two weeks after a deadly insurrection at the US Capitol that followed his exhorting supporters to fight to overturn the election.” The Hill (1/18, Samuel, 5.69M) reports, “Past presidents have typically gone on a public messaging tour to shape the discussion about their legacy, policy accomplishments and time in office. But Trump’s last few weeks have been defined by one catastrophe after another, culminating in his becoming the first president to ever be impeached twice.”

The AP (1/18, Weisert) reports every president to leave office since Ronald Reagan in 1989 has left a note for his successor, but “the 32-year tradition is in peril this year.” Trump “has refused to accept the results of November’s election and vowed not to attend Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday. That makes it doubtful Trump will leave behind any handwritten, friendly advice for Biden.”

Reuters (1/18, Mason) writes, “Trump never hid how he felt. His words and body language made his thoughts clear. ... Like no U.S. president has done before, he made himself the center of attention, the star of a literal reality show that was his administration, always with an eye for the camera, a flair for the dramatic, an instinct for the outrageous. His supporters loved it. His opponents hated it. Regardless, nearly everyone tuned in.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Nakamura, 10.52M) writes, “Trump’s four years in office come to a close Wednesday after a reign defined by constant chaos, corruption and scandal, a tenure that numerous scholars predict is destined to rank him among America’s worst presidents. Trump’s claims of policy victories — including a raft of conservative judges and steps toward Middle East peace — will be vastly overshadowed by his mismanagement of the pandemic and his unprecedented assault on the U.S. election results, they said.”

Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports Trump’s approval rating “dropped to 34% in a Gallup poll released Monday, the low point of a presidency that already had the weakest average approval rating of any of his predecessors since the survey began in the 1940s. ... Trump’s final approval rating of 34% is the same received by Presidents George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter in their final Gallup polls.” Barack Obama “left office with a 59% approval rating.”

First Lady Releases Video Farewell Message. On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:20, Muir, 7.64M), Kari reported, “While President Trump was once again nowhere to be seen, First Lady Melania Trump today offered her farewell message to the nation. ... In the pre-recorded video, she seemed to allude to the attack on the US Capitol by supporters of her husband.” Melania Trump: “Be passionate in everything you do, but always remember that violence is never the answer. And will never be justified. Use every opportunity to show consideration for another person.” Kari: “But Mrs. Trump will be the first First Lady in modern history not to invite her successor to the White House before the inauguration, denying a courtesy to Dr. Jill Biden that Michelle Obama extended to her.”

USA Today (1/18, Hernández, 12.7M) reports, “The nearly seven-minute message...began with the first lady expressing her gratitude for military service members, law enforcement and caregivers — all of whom have inspired her since she entered the White House in 2017.” She “transitioned to talk at large about the pandemic and its impact on the nation, thanking essential workers such as health care professionals and truck drivers for their roles in saving lives.” The New York Times (1/18, Rogers, 20.8M) says her “last message as first lady was like so many that have come before: it was completely at odds with the behavior of her husband.”

The New York Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.45M) reports she “does not directly mention the Capitol attack” in the video, “but asks viewers to be peaceful while broadly condemning violence.” Fox News (1/18, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that she “spoke at length about the coronavirus pandemic, thanking health care workers for their efforts to combat the deadly virus. She called on Americans to ‘use caution and common sense to protect the vulnerable as millions of vaccines are now being delivered.’”

The Washington Post (1/18, Jordan, 10.52M) reports that several people “who have been in touch” with the First Lady “said she is aware of the intense criticism both she and her husband have gotten since the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot, but that unlike her spouse she appears completely unfazed. They said she would have been happy to attend the inauguration, “as every outgoing president and first lady have for the past 152 years. But rather than dwell on what could have been, she focuses on..."
what she has control over. choreographing her own exit, trying to cement her legacy as a first lady who devoted much time to
renovations of the White House, and making plans to continue her “Be Best” initiative.

On the *CBS Evening News* (1/18, story 4, 1:45. O’Donnell, 4:42M), Paula Reid reported, “In a break with tradition, the First
Lady did not invite Dr. Jill Biden here to the White House.” CNN (1/18, 89.21M) reports on its website, “The dissolving of one of
America’s most enduring transfer-of-power rituals – the outgoing president welcoming the incoming president on the steps of the
North Portico, and then riding with them to the United States Capitol – is just one of the snubs the Trumps are perpetrating as
they leave Washington.”

**Trump Not Expected To Pardon Himself Or Family Members.** Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports White House officials
do not expect President Trump “to pardon himself, family members or close aides, but clemency is in the works for a famous
rapper and others, according to people familiar with the matter.” The President “is expected to announce a list of pardons on
Tuesday – his final full day in office – and had discussed with aides the possibility of blanket pardoning himself, in anticipation he
might later be charged with federal crimes. Trump has previously claimed such power, though it’s a matter of legal dispute and
has never before been attempted by a president.” Jim Acosta said on CNN (1/18, 1.32M), “The likelihood that he will pardon his
adult children... is going down. But... with this President, you don’t take anything to the bank until he’s done with being President of
the United States and so before he leaves power, I suppose anything is possible.”

The Washington Post (1/17, Leonnig, Dawsey, Helderman, 10.52M) reports, “Neither Trump nor his children have been
charged with crimes, and they are not known to be under federal investigation. But the question of a presidential self-pardon has
become more urgent and controversial since the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol by Trump’s supporters. Some aides say Trump
could face criminal liability for inciting the crowd.”

USA Today (1/18, 12.7M) reports Trump “will put out a final list of pardons sometime before his term expires at noon
Wednesday, said two advisors who spoke on condition of anonymity because the list is not yet public.” The New York Times
(1/18, Haberman, Vogel, Rubinstein, 20.6M) reports, “Those under consideration” for pardons or clemency “include such
disparate figures as Sheldon Silver, the disgraced former New York Assembly speaker, and the rapper Lil Wayne.” Rudy Giuliani
“says he does not expect one, and Stephen K. Bannon’s chances seem to have cimmed. Mixed in among the big names, low-
level drug offenders are under consideration.”

Reuters (1/18) reports Lil Wayne, who “appeared to support Trump during last year’s presidential campaign when he
tweeted a photo of himself with the president and said he backed Trump’s criminal justice reform program,” pleaded guilty in
December to possessing a loaded, gold-plated handgun when his chartered jet landed in Miami in December 2019. He faces a
sentence of up to 10 years in prison” at a hearing next week in Miami.

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Ballhaus, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Trump is also said to be considering
pardoning his ex-fundraiser Elliott Broidy, who in October pleaded guilty to illegally lobbying the Administration. The New York
Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.46M) reports, “Also expected to receive clemency are lesser-known people serving long prison sentences”
under a drug law crafted by then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) in 1994. At least two men “serving life in prison for marijuana dealing
under the Biden law’s three-strikes provision, paraplegic Michael Pelleteri, 56, and Corvain Cooper, 41, asked Trump to release
them.” N.J. News (1/18, 1.47M) reports Trump is also “eyeing clemency for Dr. Salomon Melgen, the currently imprisoned Florida
ophthalmologist who was tied to Sen. Robert Menendez’s corruption case.” and the Baltimore Sun (1/18, Fenton, 629K) reports
“convicted former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh is among those seeking clemency” from Trump.

**Giuliani Reportedly Not Part Of Trump’s Impeachment Defense Team.** The New York Times (1/18, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that a “person close to” President Trump indicated on Monday that Rudy Giuliani “will not be taking part in the president’s defense in the Senate trial for his second impeachment.” According to the Times, Trump and Giulani met
on Saturday night at the White House, “and the next day the president began telling people that Mr. Giuliani was not going to be
part of the team.” The Times adds, “It is unclear who will be a defense lawyer for Mr. Trump, given that many attorneys have
privately said they won’t represent him.”

The New York Times (1/18, Cochrane, Thrush, 20.6M) also reports that “it remains unclear” when House Speaker Pelosi
will “formally send to the Senate the article of impeachment charging President Trump with incitement of insurrection.”
According to the Times, “Once the House sends the article to the Senate, the chamber has to immediately move to begin the
trial.”

The New York Post (1/18, Steintuch, 7.45M) reports Giuliani said he will not represent Trump due to his involvement in the
“Save America Rally” in where he called for a “trial by combat.” He said, “Because I gave an earlier speech [at the rally], I am a
witness and therefore unable to participate in court or in the Senate chamber.” The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports Giuliani
previously said “he was working on Trump’s impeachment defense.” Meanwhile, no announcements have been made on who
will represent Trump.
House security chief said lawmaker wariness of military at Capitol drove his resistance to early request for National Guard.
After nearly a decade working for the House of Representatives, the chamber's top security official thought he knew how its political leadership would react if asked to station troops at the Capitol during a major rally supporting President Trump.

That's why House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving balked when the chief of the Capitol Police suggested activating the National Guard two days before the Jan. 6 event, he later told a friend.

"There's a reality there — the leaders of the House and the Senate don't want the military up there. They don't want to show they can't control their own turf," said Bill Pickle, who served as the Senate sergeant-at-arms from 2003 to 2007 and spoke to The Washington Post at Irving's request.

Pickle confirmed the account of former Capitol Police chief Steven Sund, who previously told The Post that when he suggested bringing in the Guard, Irving responded that he was concerned about the "optics" of such a move. Irving did not consult first with his boss, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), but thought he was reflecting her likely response, Pickle said.

"The term 'optics' is not an unusual term up there on the Hill," Pickle added. "He understands how the members think. He understands optics is everything to a politician."

The subsequent attack on the Capitol that resulted in the deaths of five people has now put sharp focus on the two sergeants-at-arms — the top congressional security officials, whose positions date to the 18th century — and how the dynamic with their political bosses might have contributed to the massive security breach that day.

While Irving and his Senate counterpart Michael Stenger oversaw the Capitol Police, they also answered to the House speaker and Senate majority leader, leaving them squeezed between law enforcement and politics.

In a statement, Pelosi spokesman Drew Hamill said, "Our expectation is to always be fully briefed on the options. The failure of the nation's law enforcement apparatus to fully understand the gravity of the situation coupled with the President's dramatic and deliberate incitement to violence led to the failure of any and all plans previously briefed to the Congress."

Stenger and Irving both had long careers in the Secret Service before taking positions on the Hill in 2011 and 2012, respectively, and congressional aides said lawmakers largely delegated questions about security issues to them.

But the two men also had to negotiate a long-standing tension on Capitol Hill between securing the building and the desire of lawmakers to keep it open to the public. Past attempts by congressional security chiefs to bolster the Capitol's defenses were shot down by members of Congress who did not want to restrict access to the seat of American democracy.

Irving and Stenger, who have both resigned, have declined to comment publicly about what happened Jan. 6,
when a violent mob of Trump supporters attacked the Capitol as Congress gathered to the count the electoral college votes and certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

But according to Pickle, Irving said he, Stenger and Sund were all comfortable with the security arrangements in place before Jan. 6 — and thought that the National Guard would be on alert if needed.

Pickle also said that Irving reviewed an internal Capitol Police intelligence report submitted three days before the report that warned of a violent scenario in which "Congress itself" could be targeted, but said the House sergeant-at-arms thought the report was similar to others compiled before previous demonstrations. Irving was comfortable with the roughly 1,400 police officers on duty guarding the building and 125 Guard members who Sund said he had been told could be available quickly if necessary, he said.

Irving and Stenger were surprised, Pickle said, when they issued an urgent request for the National Guard as rioters lay siege to the building and the Defense Department did not immediately approve the request.

"The thing that bothers him is that because he used the word 'optics,' everyone is focused on that," Pickle said. "But as the riot was unfolding, he said, "It was like everyone was watching the house burn down, but no one was throwing any water on it."

Pentagon officials have said that congressional officials did not formally request military assistance in advance and that they moved as quickly as possible that day, noting that the National Guard is not designed to be a rapid-response unit.

As numerous federal agencies and congressional committees launch inquiries into the failures that led to the ransacking of the Capitol, experts say the slow response to the crisis may have been exacerbated by the unusual chain of command in Capitol security.

Rep. Rodney Davis of Illinois, the top Republican on the House Administration Committee, said lawmakers need to reevaluate the Capitol Police's oversight by its three-person board, which includes the two sergeants-at-arms and the architect of the Capitol, who is appointed by the president.

"If two of those three are worried about optics rather than security, that's a problem for the policymakers that put them in those position," Davis said.

While the leaders of each chamber appoint the top security officials, the sergeants-at-arms answer to myriad bosses: the House and Senate appropriations committees, the House Administration and Senate Rules committees, and virtually any member of Congress.

"It's not a structure that makes decision-making easy," said Drew Willison, who served as sergeant-at-arms from 2014 to 2015 after working for then-Sen. Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.). "It's a fraught environment, not a place where any one person gets to make all the decisions."

And there is deep institutional resistance to increasing security in and around the building.
“Most members will tell you they take the openness of the Capitol complex very seriously because of the First Amendment and the right to free speech and the right to protest,” Wilson said. “The general pressure was for a less blatantly hardened campus.”

Irving encountered that about eight years ago, when he laid out a radical plan: To better secure the Capitol, he suggested to House leadership that police could permanently bar traffic from a stretch of Independence Avenue bordering the southern base of Capitol Hill, according to two people familiar with the proposal.

Around the same time, Irving’s counterpart in the Senate, Terry Gainer, put forward an even more sweeping plan, suggesting a wrought-iron fence encircling the Capitol grounds that would force pedestrians to go through security checkpoints before approaching the building.

Both proposals, discussed around 2013, went nowhere — nixed by congressional leaders wary of erecting barriers between their constituents and the Capitol.

“It was expensive, bold, long-term and didn’t send the message that leadership was trying to send — that it was a Capitol open for business,” said Gainer, who served in the Senate post from 2007 to 2014. “The response was something like, ‘Are you kidding me?’”

With big budget but little accountability, long-troubled Capitol Police face questions after siege

Pickle recalled that he too suggested fencing the Capitol back in 2003. At the time, he said, then-Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) told him it was “never ever going to happen.”

Pickle remembered that Dodd went on to say that if there was a security failure at the building and something terrible happened, Pickle would probably remind him that he had rejected the fence.

“He said, ‘You know what? It’s still going to be your fault,’ ” Pickle recalled.

In an interview, Dodd said he did not remember the conversation, but said he had had concern about closing off the Capitol from the public. “We can’t have tanks at every door,” he said.

Despite overseeing combined budgets of more than $250 million, there are no formal requirements to hold the positions of sergeant-at-arms, which date to 1789. The House sergeant-at-arms steps into the spotlight only a few seconds once a year to announce the president’s arrival to deliver the State of the Union address. The Senate post is officially called the sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper, harking back to its 18th-century duties of keeping members inside the Capitol to conduct the business of government.

The jobs were traditionally steeped in patronage. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, however, both posts have almost exclusively been held by former law enforcement or military officers.

While the full House and Senate vote to approve their sergeants-at-arms, they typically do not hold hearings or debate the selection proposed by the House speaker and Senate majority leader.
A onetime Marine, Stenger joined the sergeant-at-arms office after working 35 years in the Secret Service, including as head of the agency’s government affairs office, a role that put him in charge of congressional relations. He was hired as an assistant sergeant-at-arms in 2011 and promoted several times before Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) installed him in the top job in 2018.

A spokesman for McConnell declined to comment on Stenger.

Some who worked with Stenger said he could be imperious, clashing at times with other staffers in part because he focused intensely on security rather than the office’s other priorities. The result, one former employee said, was that he did not build a close relationship with McConnell — the kind of mutual trust that might have made requesting additional assistance during the riot easier.

“It was all about security — nothing else was interesting to him,” the former employee said. “And it was that Secret Service background. Like, thanks. I’ve got this.”

Still, there were embarrassing lapses before Jan. 6. While Stenger was chief of staff to the sergeant-at-arms, a protester hid behind reporters and threw Russian flags at Trump during one of his visits to the Capitol.

A few months after Stenger’s appointment to the top job, protesters opposed to the confirmation of Brett M. Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court were able to confront then-Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) as he stepped into an elevator just off the Senate floor, a viral moment that thrilled Kavanaugh’s detractors but concerned some senators.

Stenger imposed strict crowd-control measures during the Kavanaugh hearings in 2018 and during Trump’s impeachment trial in early 2020. The moves drew blowback from the media and some senators, who complained that the barricades limited reporters’ ability to question lawmakers but did little to improve security.

“These restrictions are antithetical to a free press, good governance, and the ability of the public to be fully informed about what we as elected leaders do in their name,” Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) wrote a letter to Stenger at the time.

The response by the Capitol Police to the pro-Trump demonstration puzzled some staffers familiar with Stenger’s hard-line approach to security. Some have questioned whether he assumed that the crowd would be deferential to police or wondered if he was too focused on his impending retirement.

Two people who were evacuated to the Senate’s secure room on Jan. 6 overheard Stenger lamenting that he had not departed his office before Wednesday. “I wish I had just retired last week,” he said.

Irving came to Congress after 25 years in the Secret Service and working for his family’s private real estate and manufacturing companies and consulted for a security firm.
In 2012 he was hired to be the House sergeant-at-arms, replacing the long-serving Wilson "Bill" Livingood, who had held the post for 17 years, surviving several changes in party leadership.

Among his former Secret Service colleagues, Irving was seen as a logical choice for the post. After a stint on the White House protective detail, he had served as a liaison between the agency and the Hill.

Two former House staffers said he was chosen by then-Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) after a national search. The sergeant-at-arms withstood turnover when Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) took the gavel in 2015 and then handed it to Pelosi in early 2019.

“He was totally unquestioned in terms of his professionalism,” said a former House aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive questions about Irving’s leadership leading up to and during the riot. “He was recognized by three speakers as a professional and someone you could trust.”

Democrats praised his evenhandedness after their 2016 sit-in on the House floor to demand Republican leaders put gun-control legislation to a vote. Ryan decided not to directly discipline Democrats for breaking House rules after consulting with Irving, according to congressional aides, but six months later, the GOP-led House approved new rules making it possible to fine members up to $2,500 for taking photos or recording videos from the House floor.

Some lawmakers are now taken aback by how Irving managed the siege.

As the mob swarmed outside the Capitol that afternoon, Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the House Administration Committee, recounted that she reached Irving, who was in the House chamber and assured her the mob would be kept out. “Nobody can get in,” Irving said.

Lofgren said she had always had a “fairly good working relationship” with Irving. “But,” she added, “this is a massive security failure — and he has responsibility.”

Former sergeants-at-arms said there must be thorough investigations into the security preparations and events that day, adding that they were wary of judging Irving and Stenger’s actions until more is known.

“They gave a lot during their careers in public service and I do not think they should be judged on the worst day of their lives,” Gainer said. “The 6th of January, I am sure, was the worst day of their lives.”
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SUBJECT: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Daily Skin... I couldn't help but wonder...

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On Alert
The Story

As the country prepares for Inauguration Day, security is at an all-time high.

Explain.

Since the Capitol siege, DC is ramping up security like never before. The National Mall is closed. Tomorrow, 25,000 National Guard troops are expected — more than the number of service members stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. Cities across the US from Boston to LA are taking similar steps, deploying guardsmen and police to state buildings for the coming days. So far, there have been several peaceful protests... though some demonstrators came armed. Police have arrested multiple people near the Capitol who've been found with at least one firearm and ammunition. Now, unlike with previous warnings, the FBI isn't taking any chances.

Go on.

The FBI is vetting service members (yes, all 25,000 of them) to rule out any potential insider threat. What they're looking for: ties to extremist groups. The extra screenings come as one analysis found that at least 21 people who stormed the Capitol or were in the area had some military background (think: former US Marines and Army vets). And as other reports found that several off-duty officers appear to have participated. Dozens of people on the gov's terrorist watch list were also reportedly spotted. Speaking of the siege, there are updates...

Let's hear them.

The number of arrests tied to it keeps going up. Over the weekend, at least three people with alleged ties to the Oath Keepers and Three Percenters (right-wing extremist groups) were charged for their role in the riots. They join the list of about 100 people who've already been arrested. US officials continue to investigate whether the militia groups helped organize the attack on the Capitol. And whether they may have had international help. So far, the FBI has reportedly raided in evidence, including large bitcoin payments made to key alt-right members just before the riots.

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Tomorrow marks the end of an era, one the country is just starting to process. In the meantime, the government is focused on a singular goal: ensuring the next era begins peacefully.

And Also...This

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What's got coronavirus updates...

The US. Yesterday, it recorded more than 24 million COVID-19 cases, nearly a year after the virus was first detected in the country. The record came as Los Angeles County – one of the hardest-hit areas in the country – topped 1 million infections over the weekend. And confirmed the first case of a coronavirus variant. Officials believe the variant has been in California for a while, and it’s been tied to a deadly outbreak at a hospital in San Jose.

Vaccines. On Friday, HHS Secretary Alex Azar said that the US does not have a vaccine stockpile. Days earlier, the Trump admin had announced it was releasing all available doses so those eligible could get their first dose ASAP. Except now it seems there is apparently nothing to release. Because everything was reportedly used up in December. At least one state health director has said this could affect their plan to vaccinate some seniors. But Azar says there’s “enough confidence” that current vaccine production will help meet demand.

...Oh, and because of this, NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) is looking to buy COVID-19 vaccine doses directly from Pfizer.

Where there’s been a shakeup...

The Netherlands. Last week, Prime Minister Mark Rutte and his cabinet resigned amid a child welfare fraud scandal. The news came after an investigation found that more than 270,000 families were wrongly accused of committing tax fraud over the course of several years. And were told to pay back tens of thousands of euros. The Dutch tax authority admitted to singling out dual-nationality families, reaffirming allegations of systemic racism in the gov. And after a parliamentary probe reportedly found that “fundamental principles of the rule of law” had been violated, the gov resigned. Rutte reportedly said “mistakes have been made on all levels” and found it “fair” that the cabinet step down. It will stay on as ‘caretaker’ until new elections are held in March.

- What’s next: The gov will cancel debts owed by those families and pay them over $36,000. And several of the families are reportedly suing for racial discrimination, among other things.
Alexei Navalny. Yesterday, the Russian opposition leader was arrested as soon as he stepped foot on Russian territory. Last year, Navalny was poisoned and fell into a medically induced coma in Germany. Navalny and Germany suspected Russia was behind it. But Navalny reportedly said "I am not afraid" and decided to return home. Russian officials are saying he was detained for violating a suspended jail sentence. And is pushing for him to stay in prison until 2024. Foreign governments including the United Nations condemned the arrest, and Navalny is calling on his supporters to protest.

While some are making music in quarantine...

Others are falling in love.

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**Super duo...Haley C and Eva V (NY).** These two high schoolers were nominated as candidates for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Students of the Year campaign. And are raising awareness and funds to support their mission to cure blood cancers. **Support their support.**

**First up...Sophie S (MA).** She launched a podcast where she talks about the history of women’s sports in the US. And she wants to celebrate the athletes’ accomplishments while exploring barriers they’ve to overcome to achieve success. **Headphones on.**

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CAPITOL VIOLENCE NEWS

Prosecutors Say More Than 300 People Under Investigation For Riot At US Capitol So Far.

USA Today (1/15, Johnson, Wu, 12.7M) reports the number of investigations into the violence at the US Capitol last week “was expected to top 300 by Friday, as the sprawling inquiry continued to be aided by a deluge of photographs and video evidence, federal authorities said.” On the lead CBS Evening News (1/15, lead story, 4:26, O'Donnell, 4.08M) segment, Jeff Pegues reported the number of cases “against people in the mob...is expected to grow exponentially.” He added, “Peter Stager, who is seen in this video beating an officer with a flag pole, has been taken into custody. Also charged, Jennifer Leigh Ryan, who traveled to Washington from Texas in a private jet.”

On NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 8, 0:40, Holt, 5.57M), Pete Williams reported federal prosecutors said arrests have been made “so far in about a third of them, some of those arrested are cooperating, generating more leads.” Williams added that the FBI “says it has received an astonishing 140,000 photos and videos to help identify rioters, people are even sending in tips about their own friends and family members. As for whether the rioters had leaders, prosecutors say it may take months to find that out.”

However, ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 4, 0:33, Muir, 6.95M) Chief Justice Correspondent Pierre Thomas said that as “the cases unfold, the federal prosecutor overseeing the FBI investigation has noticed a disturbing trend - among the mob, the FBI has identified a growing number of former and current law enforcement officers and military officials.” On ABC World News Tonight (1/15, story 2, 2:53, Raddatz, 6.95M), Martha Raddatz highlighted that “Jacob Chansley, the so-called QAnon shaman,” and ret. Air Force Lt. Colonel Larry Brock, who was photographed...
with zip ties that prosecutors “cited...as evidence of plans to take hostages,” both served in the military, while “Jacob Fracker, one of the two Rocky Mountain Virginia policemen arrested, is also a corporal in the Virginia National Guard, off duty at the time.”

The AP (1/15, Biesecker, Bleiberg, LaPorta) says its review “of public records, social media posts and videos shows at least 21 current or former members of the U.S. military or law enforcement have been identified as being at or near the Capitol riot, with more than a dozen others under investigation but not yet named.”

Meanwhile, a more than 2,600-word Washington Post (1/15, Sheinin, Maese, 10.52M) profile says that with former Olympic gold medalist Klete Keller facing federal charges for his involvement in “last week’s abortive insurrection at the Capitol,” the questions “haunting his friends, former teammates and coaches are the ones they have struggled to answer: How? And why?” According to the Post, “Among the former teammates, coaches and swimming insiders interviewed for this story, the news was still surprising. Because nothing, they said, revealed any inclination Keller might go so far as to travel from his Colorado Springs home to Washington and join thousands of other Trump supporters in violently protesting the certification of an election the president falsely characterized as fraudulent.”

Investigators Examine Role Of Militias In Capitol Violence. The New York Times (1/18, Goldman, Benner, Feuer, 20.6M) reports FBI agents and federal prosecutors “investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol have increasingly shifted their attention to dangerous right-wing extremist groups, arresting several people in recent days suspected of taking part in the violence and of possessing ties to notorious militias such as the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters.” The Times adds the arrests “came as investigators gathered evidence to determine whether any of the groups had planned ahead of time to attack the Capitol.”

Similarly, the Washington Post (1/18, Barrett, Hsu, 10.52M) reports investigators are “accelerating efforts to determine whether the assault was planned and led by groups of people – rather than an impulsive outburst of violence – particularly because some of the men shown on video laying siege to the building were equipped with handheld radios and headsets and at times appeared to work in unison on particular objectives, investigators said.”

WPost Review: Proud Boys, “Other Fringe Groups” Used Christian Website To Fundraise For “Stop The Steal” Rally Travel. A Washington Post (1/18, Brittain, Willman, 10.52M) review has found GiveSendGo.com, a “self-described Christian website,” has “become a refuge of sorts for outcasts and extremists, including fringe groups such as the Proud Boys as well as conspiracy theorists who seek to undercut the results of the presidential election by promoting debunked claims of fraud.” The Post adds fundraising solicitations on GiveSendGo “show that at least $247,000 has been raised for 24 people – including at least eight members of the Proud Boys – who claimed online that the money was intended for travel, medical or legal expenses connected to ‘Stop the Steal’ events, including the Jan. 6 rally.”

Federal Prosecutors See Community Support Identifying Individuals Involved In “Insurrection.” Under the headline “Pushed To The Edge By The Capitol Riot, People Are Reporting Their Family And Friends To The FBI,” the Washington Post (1/16, Knowles, Vargas, 10.52M) reports that for “relationships already strained or severed, last week’s violent spectacle of democracy under siege has pushed some people to take a drastic new step: warning law enforcement.” According to the Post, “Anguished Americans are turning in friends and family for their alleged involvement in the Capitol riots, contributing to more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI and playing a role in at least one high-profile arrest.”

In a nearly 2,200-word article, the Washington Post (1/16, Kindy, Bellware, Berman, 10.52M) reports “at least 13 off-duty law enforcement officials are suspected of taking part in the riot, a tally that could grow as investigators continue to pore over footage and records to identify participants,” and police leaders have been “turning in their own to the FBI and taking the striking step of reminding officers in their departments that criminal misconduct could push them off the force and behind bars.”

In addition, The Hill (1/16, Klar, 5.69M) reports law enforcement officials “seeking out participants of the riot at the Capitol last week have one big leg up: a plethora of social media posts and data of the suspects they’re searching for,” and the Washington Post (1/16, Harwell,
Banos, Timberg, 10.52M) reports dating apps "are using images captured from inside the Capitol siege and other evidence to identify and ban rioters' accounts, causing immediate consequences for those who participated as police move toward making hundreds of arrests." The Post adds law enforcement officials "would not say how many tips came from dating apps but have said they are reviewing all evidence."

Meanwhile, Vaugh Hillyard reported on NBC Nightly News (1/16, story 2, 1:27, Hillyard, 5.78M) that federal authorities "have now arrested more than 100 individuals accused of being involved in the insurrection, including Peter Stager of Arkansas. Stager, according to the FBI, shown beating an officer with an American flag. And Jenna Ryan, a Texas real estate agent, charged after storming the Capitol, telling CBS News: 'I was displaying my patriotism when I was there and I was just protesting.' Authorities are still working to identify even more of the insurrectionists, including this man. In new photos released today, the FBI believes he is involved in this video in which officer Daniel Hodges is pinned into a doormat."

In additional coverage of those arrested, the New York Times (1/16, Paz, 20.6M) reports that Anthime Joseph Gionet, "a far-right media personality nicknamed 'Baked Alaska' who is known for livestreaming himself participating in illegal activity, was arrested by the F.B.I. on Friday and accused of illegally storming the Capitol during the attack on the building by President Trump's supporters last week." The Times adds Gionet "was arrested in Houston on Friday, according to the Justice Department's website, and charged with two federal crimes."

According to Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M), Lisa Eisenhart and Eric Munchel, "a mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 - and openly talked of a violent revolution - are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others 'known and unknown' to federal authorities." In a legal filing, the FBI on Saturday "indicated that...Munchel - who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image - and...Eisenhart would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers' efforts to certify the presidential election."

The Hill (1/16, Williams, 5.69M) reports Emily Hernandez, "a Missouri woman seen with a fractured sign" from House Speaker Pelosi's office, "was hit with five charges on Friday in connection to the riot, according to a court documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia." The Hill (1/16, Foley, 5.69M) also reports that "according to press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Dominic ‘Spaz’ Pezzola, 43, was arrested and charged on Friday with unlawful entry, destruction of government property and obstruction of an official proceeding over his alleged criminal activities in the Jan. 6 riot." The Hill says Pezzola "allegedly discuss[ed] killing" Pelosi and Vice President Pence.

In a more than 2,700-word front-page article, the Washington Post (1/16, A1, Natanson, Tate, 10.52M) highlights Christian Trabert, the son of the police chief Aberdeen, Maryland, who was among the "mob of [Trump's] rabid followers" who "invade[d] the U.S. Capitol." The Post says that while Trabert "has not been charged in connection with the riot," local activists have since "bombarded the police department's Facebook page with comments demanding to know if one of their own had been involved - and what the people in charge were going to do about it." According to the Post, "Tens of thousands of Americans are asking those same questions in communities across the country as they learn that their colleagues, college friends, kids' teachers and even parents were among the rioters."

WPPost Analysis: At Least 21 People Who "Breckthed The Capitol Or Were In The Vicinity Of The Riots" Had Military Service Background. A Washington Post (1/15, Jaffe, Lamothe, Tate, 10.52M) analysis "of individuals who breached the Capitol or were in the vicinity of the riots identified 21 people with some prior military service background. Of the 72 arrested or charged by state and federal authorities through Thursday morning, 11 have military backgrounds." The Post adds that the Pentagon "hasn't said how many active-duty troops or reservists are under investigation for any role in the protest or the riots, but homegrown militants and white supremacist groups have long targeted veterans for recruitment. And some analysts who track extremist groups warn that the military has been slow to recognize the problem."

Videos Show Rioter Killed During Attempt To Storm Capitol. The New York Times (1/16, Hill, Ray, Kozlowsky, 20.6M) reports 34-year-old Trump supporter Rosanne Boyland who...
“died during the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, appears to have been killed in a crush of fellow rioters during their attempt to fight through a police line, according to videos reviewed by The Times,” which says the “manner of her death had been unclear until The Times discovered that the clothes and backpack strap of a woman in widely circulated videos match those that Ms. Boyland wore in a picture taken of her earlier that day.”

Conservatives Tout Purported Liberal’s Arrest As Evidence Of Antifa Presence, But Utah Activists Contest Narrative. The Washington Post (1/16, Jackman, Lang, Swaine, 10.52M) says a video that he filmed “has placed John Earle Sullivan – ‘Activist John’ – at the center of a conservative campaign to blame liberal groups for the Capitol siege,” and “landed him in jail.” The Post adds that while the video “attracted the attention of right-wing leaders, including President Trump’s lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who said it showed that antifa was the true organizer of the attack;” and” Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), “Sullivan is hardly a darling of the left.” The Post reports that activists in Utah “have spent months condemning Sullivan, who has at times identified himself as a racial justice protester and leftist documentarian, and they have warned others to be leery of his motives and any events he sponsored.”

“Internet Sleuths” Have Misidentified Some Attendees Of Capitol Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Kornfield, 10.52M) reports amateur “Internet sleuths” have “identified and shared information on social media about people in photos and videos at the Capitol, leading to a portion of the more than 100,000 tips submitted to the FBI since the mob attempted to stop the counting of votes in the presidential election,” but “the hurried pace of new information has also increased the dissemination of incorrect names and targeting the wrong people.” According to the Post, “The victims of such false accusations include martial artist and actor Chuck Norris.” On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 6, 2:10, Diaz, 3:35M), Charlie De Mar interviewed a retired Chicago firefighter misidentified as “the man seen in this video throwing a fire extinguisher at police.”

San Francisco Man Charged In Capitol Riot. The San Francisco Chronicle (1/16, Thadani, 2.44M) reports that Daniel Goodwyn, of San Francisco, “who is a self-proclaimed member of the Proud Boys and has fought the city’s coronavirus mask orders is among the dozens charged by the FBI for allegedly storming the U.S. Capitol in a violent mob last week.” Authorities identified Goodwyn “as one of the Capitol invaders through a series of videos, Instagram messages and Twitter posts, according to an FBI complaint filed Friday.”

Kentucky Man Faces Charges For Alleged Riot Role. The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/18, Aulbach, 554K) reports that Michael Sparks, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who is “accused of entering the U.S. Capitol through a broken window during the riot earlier this month is the latest Kentucky resident to face federal charges in the fallout from the incident.” The Courier-Journal adds, “Three tipsters reached out to the FBI in the days after the riot, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, to identify” Sparks “as the man shown on several videos from the event entering the Capitol building and roaming through the halls.” Sparks “was the first individual to enter the building through the broken window around 2:13 p.m., the affidavit said,” and he “ended up following a group led by Doug Jensen, an Iowa seen in photos confronting Capitol Police officers while wearing a distinct ‘Q’ shirt, through the halls of the building.”

Two Texas Men Charged In Connection With Capitol Attack. The AP (1/18) reports from Dallas, Texas, “The FBI has arrested two more Texas men for alleged crimes related to the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol.” Guy Reffitt “was arrested Friday at his home in Wylie, a city about 35 miles (56 kilometers) northeast of downtown Dallas, according to court records,” and “an FBI spokeswoman said Matthew Carl Mazzocco, 37, was also arrested without incident in San Antonio on Sunday.” Reffitt, 48, “is charged with obstruction of justice and unlawful entry” after he was allegedly “recorded on video outside the Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot and later threatened his wife and children if they turned him in.” Mazzocco “is charged with unlawful entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the FBI spokeswoman said.”

Louisiana Man Charged In Capitol Riot. The AP (1/18) reports from New Orleans that Cody Connell, of Vivian, Louisiana, who is “charged in the deadly siege on the U.S. Capitol had discussed returning to Washington around the presidential inauguration and bringing rifles, ammunition and body armor, federal authorities said in court records.” A criminal complaint said
that Connell "was arrested Saturday on charges including violent entry of Capitol grounds and obstruction law enforcement. Connell posted photos and videos of himself and another man identified by the FBI as his cousin, Daniel Page Adams, outside the Capitol the day of the siege Jan. 6, said an affidavit by FBI agent Michael Sahadi Jr."

**Indiana Man Charged In Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/18) reports from Indianapolis, Indiana that Jon Ryan Schaffer, "a heavy metal guitarist who was photographed with the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol and is accused of spraying police officers with a pepper-based bear spray irritant has been arrested, the FBI said." Schaffer "turned himself in Sunday after he was featured on an FBI poster seeking the public's help in identifying rioters, said Chris Bavender, a spokeswoman for the FBI’s Indianapolis office" and "has been charged with several felony counts, including engaging in an act of physical violence and knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry.”

**Iowa Man Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege.** The AP (1/18) reports that Leo Christopher Kelly, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa "was arrested Monday by federal agents on suspicion of being among those who stormed the U.S. Capitol during a deadly pro-Trump insurrection on Jan. 6." According to the AP, "The FBI in Omaha, Nebraska, said in a news release that" Kelly "was arrested on a federal warrant charging him with three counts: knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without lawful authority, violent entry with the intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds."

**Colorado Man With Militia Movement Ties Charged In Capitol Siege Probe.** The Denver Post (1/18, Schmelzer, 660K) reports that Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colorado, "faces federal charges after investigators allege he assaulted and threatened police officers defending the U.S. Capitol and also climbed through a broken window to enter the building during the Jan. 6 riot that disrupted the certification of the 2020 election." Gieswein "carried a bat during the riot and dressed himself in pseudo-military garb, including a patch for an alleged paramilitary training program he ran in Colorado that federal law enforcement used to identify him, according to an affidavit for his arrest." The FBI "used a plethora of video and images taken of Gieswein outside and inside the Capitol to identify him, the affidavit states, as well as an interview Gieswein gave a television journalist the day before the riot during which he referenced anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.”

**Kentucky College Student Accused Of Stealing Sign During Capitol Siege.** The Washington Post (1/18, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, "Defending the storming of the U.S. Capitol as "cool," Gracyn Courtright broadcast her participation on social media — and embraced the firestorm that followed as publicity, the FBI says." The Post adds, "Video from the college student's Twitter account showed her inside the Capitol building amid chants of "whose house, our house," according to an affidavit filed in court this weekend." Courtright "faces federal charges, the latest suspect in the Jan. 6 riot who was tracked down in large part because of extensive digital trails — including proud and defiant posts from alleged rioters on social media." The Post notes that Courtright is reportedly a student at the University of Kentucky.

The AP (1/18, Raby) reports that Courtright, 23, "took a 'Members Only' sign near the Senate chambers as she accompanied supporters of President Donald Trump in illegally storming the U.S. Capitol, according to federal court documents." Courtright "was charged in a criminal complaint with theft of government property under $1,000, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and knowingly engaging in disorderly or disruptive conduct in any restricted building or grounds." The AP adds, "According to the affidavit, a witness saw a video of Courtright in the halls of the Capitol and messaged her on Instagram asking if she was there. The witness provided a screenshot of the messages to the FBI." The affidavit "said Courtright is a senior at the University of Kentucky. According to the university, she is from Hurricane, West Virginia.”

**Louisville, Kentucky Man Charged With Participating In Riot.** The Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (1/16, Austin, 554K) reports, "Federal investigators have arrested a Louisville man and charged him with disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds." The Courier-Journal adds, "FBI Louisville arrested Damon Michael Beckley in Cub Run on Saturday, according to a tweet from the agency. Beckley is also being charged with unlawful entry of a restricted building.” Beckley "had
given a viral interview from the U.S. Capitol building during the deadly riot on Jan. 6, saying he wouldn’t put up with ‘tyrannical rule.’ ‘If we’re going to come back here and start a revolution and take all of these traitors out, which is what should be done, then we will!’ he said.”

Two New York Men Arrested For Participating In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/17) reports from Albany, New York that “two New York men, Brandon Fellows and Edward Jacob Lang, were arrested this weekend on charges related to the Jan. 6 violent insurrection led by supporters of President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol.” Fellows, 26, “was arrested Saturday night by agents from the FBI’s Albany office, a bureau spokesperson said.” Lang, 25, “was arrested by FBI agents Saturday at his home in New York’s Hudson Valley after he posted photos and videos of himself outside the Capitol, prosecutors said in court papers.”

New Mexico County Commissioner Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege. The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (1/17, Carrillo, 188K) reports that Cody Griffin, 47, “an Otero County commissioner who said there could be “blood running out” of the U.S. Capitol building on Inauguration Day was arrested Sunday in Washington, D.C., for his alleged role in the riots at the Capitol earlier this month.” FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said Griffin “was detained Sunday afternoon by U.S. Capitol Police, who then notified the FBI. Griffin had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority.” An affidavit “for an arrest warrant filed in federal court Friday says FBI agents used videos of Griffin posted on the Cowboys for Trump Facebook page as well as other public statements he made about the riot and the inauguration to bring the charge against him.”

The AP (1/17) reports, “According to court documents, Griffin told investigators that he was ‘caught up’ in the crowd, which pushed its way through the barricades and entered the restricted area of the U.S. Capitol, but he said he did not enter the building and instead remained on the U.S. Capitol steps. A video posted to Griffin’s personal Facebook page shows Griffin in the restricted areas, according to the affidavit.”

Texas Right-Wing Media Personality Charged In Siege Probe. Reuters (1/16) reports, “Far-right media personality Tim Gionet, who goes by the handle ‘Baked Alaska,’” was arrested on Friday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Houston, Texas, according to documents the agency posted online, and charged with participating in the violent riot on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6.” Reuters adds, “According to a sworn statement filed by an FBI agent, Gionet livestreamed a 27-minute video from the Capitol using a service called ‘DLive.’ Gionet did not do much to hide his identity, according to the statement, which noted he ‘turned the phone around to show his face and is clearly identifiable.’”

The AP (1/16, Balsamo) reports, “Gionet faces charges of violent and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and knowingly entering a restricted building without lawful authority, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.” FBI Special Agent Nicole Miller “said in an affidavit filed in the case that Gionet streamed live for about 27 minutes from inside the Capitol and could be heard encouraging other protesters not to leave, cursing and saying ‘I’m staying,’ ‘1776 baby,’ and ‘I won’t leave guys, don’t worry.’” Miller “wrote that Gionet entered various offices and when told by law enforcement officers to move, identified himself as a member of the media,” and “then asked officers where to go before cursing a law officer while alleging the officer shoved him, then leaving the building.”

Texas Man Charged In Siege Probe. The Houston Chronicle (1/15, Tallet, 982K) reports, “Federal authorities on Friday arrested” Joshua Lollar, 39, of Spring, Texas, “in the wake of the Jan. 6 attack at the U.S. Capitol, making him the first in the Houston area to be charged in the deadly insurrection.” Lollar “faces three criminal charges after the FBI combed through his Facebook page and found a myriad of now-deleted posts detailing involvement in the riot, in Washington, D.C., according to court documents. He is one of at least 100 people who have been arrested and 47 charged in federal court over the event, numbers that are expected to mushroom as FBI authorities said they were ‘aggressively’ seeking out people in the violent mob.”

Texas Real Estate Broker Arrested For Role In Siege. The Dallas Morning News (1/15, Jimenez, 772K) reports, “The Frisco real estate broker who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 — and documented it on social media — was arrested after she turned herself in Friday, according to the FBI field office in Dallas.” Jennifer “Jenna” Leigh Ryan, 50, “is charged with knowingly entering
for remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority" and "disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds," according to the criminal complaint filed Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A search warrant was executed on her home in Carrollton, FBI special agent Matt DeSarno said during a news conference Friday evening. She was released from custody and returned home, where she said she wants President Donald Trump to pardon her and everyone involved in the mob.

**Mother And Son Face Conspiracy Charges For Role In Capitol Siege.** Politico (1/16, Cheney, 6.73M) reports, "A mother-son duo who wielded flex cuffs at the Capitol on Jan. 6 - and openly talked of a violent revolution - are facing conspiracy charges related to the assault on Congress last week, with the FBI describing a plot that may include others 'known and unknown' to federal authorities." Politico adds, "In a Saturday legal filing, the FBI indicated that Eric Munchel - who was seen masked and wielding the plastic cuffs inside the Senate chamber in a now widely circulated image - and his mother Lisa Eisenhert would face charges of conspiracy for their efforts to disrupt lawmakers' efforts to certify the presidential election." Munchel and Eisenhert "are facing charges of 'knowingly and willfully conspiring with persons known and unknown' to impede law enforcement, unlawfully entering a restricted building and violently forcing their way into the halls of Congress."

**"Activist John" Arrested For Role In Siege.** The Washington Post (1/16, Jackman, Lang, Swaine, 10.52M) reports that John Earle Sullivan, aka "Activist John," whose 40-minute video following rioters through the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, capturing the fatal shooting of a Trump supporter, "was at the center of a conservative campaign to blame liberal groups for the Capitol siege." The Post adds, "Federal authorities tracking down Capitol trespassers watched Sullivan's video, interviewed him and then obtained warrants Thursday charging him with causing a civil disorder, trespassing and disorderly conduct. Sullivan repeatedly exhorted rioters to enter the building and overwhelm police, and seemed to convince Capitol Police officers to walk away from the glass door entry to the House Speaker's Lobby, his video shows. Moments later, with Sullivan screaming warnings about a gun, rioter Ashli Babbit is shot and killed on the video by a Capitol Police officer."

**Florida Man Allegedly Plotted Attack On Pro-Trump Protesters.** The AP (1/15) reports that Daniel Baker, of Tallahassee, Florida, "was arrested Friday and charged with trying to organize an armed response to pro-President Donald Trump protesters expected at the state Capitol on Sunday, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced." Baker "was using social media to recruit people in a plot to create a circle around protesters and trap them in the Capitol, according to an affidavit filed by an FBI agent. The court document describes a series of threats of violence and a prediction of civil war. Baker is described as anti-Trump, anti-government, anti-white supremacists and anti-police."

**Politics (1/15, Ritchie, 6.73M) reports that Baker, 33, "wanted to encircle protesters at the state Capitol and confine them with guns, U. S. Attorney Lawrence Keefe and the FBI said. Baker, a former U.S. Army Airborne infantryman who was kicked out of the service in 2007, had issued a call to arms' seeking others to join him on Sunday, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court." Baker "had been working in recent days to identify rioters who joined the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last week, the complaint alleges."

**South Carolina Man Charged In Connection With Capitol Siege.** The Columbia (SC) State (1/18, Monk, 330K) reports from Columbia, South Carolina, "Friends and technology have led the FBI to charge a South Carolina man with criminal violations for allegedly being a participant in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot." Andrew Hatley "drove from his residence in South Carolina on January 5, 2020, in a red Ford Mustang, early 2000s model, to attend the protests for the election," according to an FBI complaint filed in U.S. District Court. "Hatley is the first South Carolinian known to be charged in connection with the Jan. 6 riot. Dozens of other people from other states currently face federal charges."

The AP (1/18) reports, "A witness told investigators that they had known Hatley for 'several years' and provided a picture to the FBI which appeared to show Hatley and another man in the U.S. Capitol building in front of a statue of Calhoun, a former vice president and fierce slavery advocate, according to the complaint filed by Special Agent Cassidy Thompson Smith." FBI agents
“said they were able to match Facebook photos of Hatley with images provided by witnesses and captured in surveillance video from inside of the crypt at the U.S. Capitol. Authorities used the location data shared by Hatley with one of the witnesses to confirm his cellphone was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 as the mob breached the building, according to the FBI.”

Two Tennessee Men Charged In Capitol Siege. The AP (1/17) reports from Nashville, Tennessee that Blake Austin Reed, 35, of Nashville, "was arrested Sunday with participating in the raid at the U.S. Capitol earlier this month, federal authorities said." Reed "was arrested by FBI agents in Nashville, said David W. Boling, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office for the Middle District of Tennessee. According to charging documents, Reed was charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds."

The AP (1/15) reports from Memphis, Tennessee, "A second Tennessee man has been arrested and charged with taking part in the raid at the U.S. Capitol last week, federal authorities said Friday." Matthew Bledsoe, of Memphis, "has been charged with illegally entering or remaining in a restricted building, and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, the U.S. Justice Department said in a complaint and arrest warrant. The warrant said FBI agents received a tip that Bledsoe had been part of the group that breached the Capitol illegally. Federal authorities received a video compilation that was posted to his Instagram account that included several photos and video shot by Bledsoe, who is seen wearing a Trump 2020 hat."

Judge Scuttles House Arrest Plan For Arkansas Man Who Invaded Pelosi's Office. The AP (1/15, DeMillio) reports from Little Rock, Arkansas that Chief US District Judge Beryl Howell on Friday night "halted a plan to release and put on house arrest" Richard Barnett, of Gravett, Arkansas, who was "photographed sitting at a desk in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office during last week’s riot at the U.S. Capitol." Barnett "will instead be brought to Washington, D.C., immediately for proceedings in his case," Judge Howell "ordered Friday night, staying a decision by another judge to confine Barnett to his home in Gravette, Arkansas, until his trial." Judge Howell’s ruling "came hours after U.S. Magistrate Judge Erin Wiedemann in Arkansas set a $5,000 bond for Barnett and ordered that a GPS monitor track his location."

Judge Revokes Bond For Indiana Man Charged In Capital Riot. The AP (1/15) reports from Hammond, Indiana, that US Magistrate Judge Andrew P. Rodovich "has revoked the bond for" Kash Lee Kelly, 32, “a northwest Indiana man awaiting sentencing in a gang-related case after the FBI charged him for allegedly taking part in the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol," Judge Rodovich "granted the federal government’s motion Thursday to revoke bond for" Kelly. The AP adds, "The government’s request came after the FBI charged Kelly with federal charges that include unlawful entry to a restricted area for allegedly joining Donald Trump supporters in storming the Capitol, said U.S. District prosecuting attorney David Nozick."

Retired NYC Firefighter Charged For Role In Capitol Riot. CNN (1/18, 89.21M) reports, “A retired New York City Fire Department member is facing federal charges for allegedly participating in the deadly riot at the US Capitol earlier this month.” Thomas Fee "has been charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds, according to a criminal complaint filed Saturday. Frank Dwyer, a spokesman for the FDNY, confirmed to CNN that Fee had been with the department for 22 years and retired in October." CNN adds, "An unnamed witness, who is described as a special agent with the US Diplomatic Security Service in a court filing, reported to the federal government’s Joint Terrorism Task Force that their spouse saw a posting by Fee’s girlfriend on Facebook stating that he was ‘at the rally,’ the complaint said."

FBI Raids Home Of California Activist In Capitol Siege Probe. The Los Angeles Daily Breeze (1/18, Schwebke, 133K) reports, "The FBI on Monday searched the Huntington Beach apartment of a well-known far-right activist who initially claimed in a video that he participated in the siege earlier this month at the U.S. Capitol, then backtracked as he became the target of death threats.” The Daily Breeze adds, "Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office, confirmed that an FBI SWAT team executed a search warrant around 10 a.m. at an apartment on Viewpoint Lane. She did not release the identify of the resident named in the search warrant. However, public records show that right-wing activist Kristopher Martin, 32, resides at
the address. One person, whose identity was not released, was at the residence and was cooperative, she said. Undisclosed evidence was seized but no arrests were made.

**Washington Under Heavy Security As Inauguration Nears.**

In Washington, Tom Llamas reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 2, 1:55, 4.44M), “a ‘Green Zone’ perimeter has been established, roads shut down,” and the National Guard is “scouring for explosives and extremists.” ABC’s Kenneth Moten: “Extraordinary security in the Nation’s Capital. Officials are taking no chances, military reinforcements arriving by the plane load. National Guard troops are coming from every corner of the US. ... The 25,000 troops in this city by the inauguration have their orders: Watch for potential threats, look for explosives, protect the Capitol. Authorities say domestic extremists pose the most likely threat.” District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D): “How serious is our country going to take domestic white extremism? And I think what we saw here last week is that we didn’t take it seriously enough.” Moten: “The large security perimeter or Green Zone already tested. At least three people [have been] arrested in separate incidents, including two men carrying guns and ammunition.”

Gabe Gutierrez reported on NBC Nightly News (1/17, lead story, 2:35, Snow, 3.76M), “Tonight, more than 15,000 National Guard troops are patrolling the Nation’s Capital. ... But today, armed protests advertised online by far-right extremists did not materialize here.” Scott Pelley reported on CBS 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M) that “tens of thousands of troops” are “all preparing to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. ... But there’s also the dilemma that the security is commanded by President Trump, who encouraged the attack on the Capitol and has relentlessly worked to stop the inauguration of Joe Biden.” Asked if DHS will stand down if Trump orders it to do so, Acting Deputy DHS Secretary Ken Cuccinelli said, “We’re going to complete our jobs. There’s not a stand-down. We have a statutory mission we’re going to perform under all circumstances, and I think that hypothetical is not going to happen.”

Bowser said on NBC’s Meet The Press (1/17, 2.94M), said, “I convened our federal law enforcement partners who are responsible for securing this event, the United States Secret Service. This is a National Special Security Event. More than half of those events have been conducted in Washington DC, and the Secret Service is working with all federal agencies to make this a safe event.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, “Federal officials said they planned to vet hundreds of possible airplane passengers, putting any identified among the violent protesters at the Capitol on Jan. 6 on a “no-fly list.” The Transportation Security Administration said it was increasing the number of federal marshals on flights and of explosive-detection dogs at airports.”

Armed Man, Woman With False ID Arrested Sunday. The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) reports Guy Berry of Gordonsville, Virginia, “whose Facebook page features a photo from the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol,” was arrested near the Capitol complex Sunday, “and police said he was carrying three high-capacity magazines, 37 rounds of unregistered ammunition and a Glock 22 firearm.” The Hill (1/17, 5.69M) reports Linda Magovern of Stratford, Connecticut, was also arrested in Washington on Sunday “after attempting to pass police barricades while flashing a military police challenge coin and claiming to be member of both President Trump’s Cabinet and law enforcement, U.S. Capitol Police said.”

Army, FBI Conduct Additional Screening Of National Guard Deployed To DC For Inauguration. On NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 2, 0:50, 6.27M), Lester Holt reported, “The threat of an inside attack has the Army and FBI screening thousands of National Guard members deployed to Washington.” Pete Williams said that members of the National Guard “have been vetted in the past for inaugurals, but this time it is much more extensive.” Williams added the Army “says the decision was made to check the backgrounds of thousands more of the Guard members deployed, given that a National Guardsman from Virginia was one of those arrested for entering the Capitol illegally January 6,” and the FBI “says retired military members were also among the rioters.”

The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt, Steinhauer, Cooper, 20.6M) reports that although it is “still in its very early stages,” the FBI investigation “identified at least six suspects with military
links out of the more than 160 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault. In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "These people are not representative of our country's military." Milley said most active-duty troops and veterans "continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution."

USA Today (1/18, Baldor, 12.7M) reports Acting Defense Secretary Miller on Monday said, "While we have no intelligence indicating an insider threat, we are leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital" ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration. Miller added, "This type of vetting often takes place by law enforcement for significant security events." The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports Miller "thanked the FBI for its assistance and noted that the D.C. National Guard is providing extra training to those coming to the district 'that if they see or hear something that is not appropriate, they should report it to their chain of command.'"

According to CNN (1/18, Cohen, 89.21M) in an online report, "Miller's statement comes hours after the head of the DC National Guard said that the FBI is vetting troops involved in securing the US Capitol to prevent any insider threats." On ABC's Good Morning America, Maj. Gen. William Walker said, "What happens is they're screened before they leave their state and what it is is a credentialing process so they're screened and they're repeatedly screened until they are actually put on the street." CNN adds Walker "did not say that the screening included specific questions about the members' beliefs surrounding the legitimacy of the election, but they are carrying out enhanced background screening."

The Washington Post (1/18, Ryan, 10.52M) states that the "heightened scrutiny of Guardsmen highlights the Pentagon's concerns about growing extremism, including support for white nationalism and anti-government groups, among veterans and serving troops." The Post adds officials "acknowledge that rooting out the problem has proved challenging, which they say reflects larger trends across American society."

The AP (1/17, Baldor) reports, "In a situation like this one, FBI vetting would involve running people's names through databases and watchlists maintained by the bureau to see if anything alarming comes up. That could include involvement in prior investigations or terrorism-related concerns, said David Gomez, a former FBI national security supervisor in Seattle."

The Washington Post (1/17, Sonne, Lamothe, Ryan, 10.52M) reports, "All service members go through an annual program that requires them to report any information regarding known or suspected extremist behavior in the ranks, the Army said. The Army also noted that the D.C. Guard is providing additional training as service members arrive in the capital, instructing them to report anything they see or hear that seems inappropriate to the chain of command. 'There is no place for extremism in the military and we will investigate each report individually and take appropriate action,' the Army said in the statement. 'The Army is committed to working closely with the FBI as they identify people who participated in the violent attack on the Capitol to determine if the individuals have any connection to the Army.'"

Pentagon Deploys 750 Active Duty Troops To Support Inauguration Security. Politico (1/18, Seligman, 6.73M) reports the Pentagon has deployed 750 active-duty troops "to support enhanced security measures related to...Biden's inauguration, as local law enforcement continues to track threats of violence in the nation's capital in the days leading up to the ceremony, according to two defense officials." Politico adds the troops "include service members with expertise in handling chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosive weapons, as well as explosive ordnance disposal and medical teams skilled in trauma response, said one defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive operations."

FEMA Denies Funding Requests From Maryland, Virginia For Response To Capital Riot, Inauguration Security. The Washington Post (1/18, Kunkle, 10.52M) reports the Federal Emergency Management Agency "has denied requests from Maryland and Virginia for an emergency declaration to cover expenses associated with responding to the Capitol riot and increasing security around...Biden's inauguration." According to the Post, "FEMA's decision - which both states plan to appeal - could mean the states would not receive federal funds for providing..."
Blunt, Klobuchar Confident Of Peaceful Transfer Of Power. In a joint interview with CBS Evening News (1/18, story 2, 3:15, O'Donnell, 4.42M), Sens. Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), who are responsible for the inauguration, discussed security preparations for the event. Asked if they are confident that there will be a peaceful transfer of power, Blunt said, "I think we're with going to project to the world exactly the message we want to at this very spot where so many bad things happened two weeks ago. I think the world is going to see the Constitution and the democracy of our country work." Blunt also said he is "disappointed" that President Trump is not attending the inauguration. Klobuchar added that showcasing the peaceful transfer of power "couldn't be more important. While the events of January Sixth and the insurrection, I think for a lot of people, they stepped back and reflected and thought, this democracy means something to us."

DC Residents Frustrated As Increased Security Limits Normal Activities. According to the New York Times (1/18, Searcey, 20.6M), "Downtown Washington is locked down, boarded up and on guard for the ushering in of the new leader in hopes of preventing a scene like the one that played out to the nation's horror on Jan. 6 as a mob stormed the Capitol." The Times reports the increased security has the District "anxious, as rumors spread about threats of attacks by domestic terrorists looking to upset the transfer of power," and "dog walkers, bikers and people out for a stroll have been caught up in a surreal, fortified corn maze of ever-changing metal security barriers across sidewalks and roadways that seem to be open one minute and closed the next."

Capitol Police Arrest Virginia Man With Handgun, 500 Rounds Of Ammunition At DC Security Checkpoint. The New York Times (1/16, Bogel-Burroughs, Bennet, 20.6M) reports US Capitol Police on Friday arrested Wesley A. Beeler "at a security checkpoint in Washington on Friday after he flashed what an officer described as an 'unauthorized' inauguration credential and a search of his truck found an unregistered handgun and ammunition, the authorities said." The Times adds a federal law enforcement "official said...Beeler, 31, worked as a contractor, and that his credential was issued by the Park Police, but was not recognized by the police officer."

The AP (1/16, Balsamo) reports that court documents "say an officer noticed Beeler had ‘firearms-related stickers’ on his vehicle and asked him if he had any weapons inside," and "say Beeler told the officers he had a handgun under the armrest and police detained him at the scene." The AP adds that police "found a high-capacity magazine in the 9mm handgun" in his car, "along with more than 500 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle," and officials "said he didn’t have a license to carry the gun in Washington."

The Washington Post (1/16, Contrera, Leonig, Mettler, 10.52M) reports Beeler "was arrested on charges of carrying a pistol without a license, possession of an unregistered firearm and possession of unregistered ammunition, a Capitol Police spokesperson said." The Post adds that in a "tear-filled interview," Beeler "said he has spent the past week working as hired security in downtown Washington ahead of the inauguration" and "said he forgot that his firearm was in his truck when he left his home in Virginia, where he said he has a license to carry. He said he realized it was there halfway through his trip but that he was running late, so he didn’t turn around. He denied that he had the more than 500 rounds of ammunition listed in his arrest report."

The Hill (1/16, Polus, 5.69M) reports Beeler told the Post that he "forgot he had the Glock pistol and ammunition in his truck, and that he is authorized to legally carry the weapon in his home state of Virginia." He said, "It was just me forgetting to take it out of my truck before I left for work." Beeler added, "I don’t know what the D.C. laws are. It still comes back on me, but I’m not a criminal." The Washington Times (1/16, Blake, 626K) says that according to the Post, he "has since been released by a judge on his own recognizance, with no objection from prosecutors."

Bloomberg (1/17, Weiss, Shields, 3.57M) says the arrest comes "at a time of high alert in Washington as it prepares for Wednesday’s inauguration of...Biden" after supporters of President Trump "overran the Capital on Jan. 6, when lawmakers were meeting to officially recognize Biden's win." The Wall Street Journal (1/16, Bykowicz, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) and The
Transit Officials Preparing For “Potentially Violent” Inaugural Crowd. Politico (1/16, Snyder, Beasley, 6.73M) reports, “Inaugurals are always crowded affairs with hefty security and complex logistics,” but “the riot at the U.S. Capitol building last week has officials from airports, airlines, transit agencies, Amtrak and more preparing for a repeat, as potentially violent protesters crowd into the city for...Biden’s Jan. 20 inauguration.” Politico highlights that among the precautions being taken, “airlines are banning guns and suspending alcohol service,” Amtrak “is beefing up its police force to prepare for anti-mask riders,” airports are “creating safe zones” for lawmakers, “and security agencies are calling in extra agents to help keep the peace as Washington, D.C. braces for an Inauguration Day like no other.”

Kenneth Moten reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 3, 0:33, Llamas, 839K), that since “the Capitol riots,” the Transportation Security Administration has been “working with law enforcement, reviewing hundreds of names to see if anyone should be added to the no-fly list.” Moten added that travelers “who fly in and out of the city and at airports across this country will see stepped up security at TSA checkpoints ahead of the inauguration.” In addition, Bloomberg (1/16, Bachman, Levine, Schlangenstein, 3.57M) reports Delta Air Lines Inc. on Friday “followed United Airlines Holdings Inc. in extending a ban on guns in checked baggage to include Richmond, Virginia,” while Southwest Airlines Co. “joined American Airlines Group Inc. in announcing similar restrictions for flights going to three Washington-area airports.” Meanwhile, The Hill (1/16, Axelrod, 5.69M) reports that Amtrak “announced Saturday that it is suspending some service south of Washington, D.C., due to security concerns surrounding Wednesday’s inauguration of...Biden.”

Experts Warn Extremists Likely To Use Attack On Capitol To Recruit Members “For Years To Come.” The New York Times (1/16, A1, MacFarquhar, Healy, Kovaleski, 20.6M) reports the diverse “far-right groups and white nationalists emboldened under President Trump” have been “galvanized by the outgoing president’s false claims that the election was stolen from him — and by the violent attack on the nation’s Capitol that hundreds of them led in his name,” which served as “a propaganda coup for the far right, and those who track hate groups say the attack is likely to join an extremist lexicon with Waco, Ruby Ridge and the Bundy occupation of an Oregon wildlife preserve in fueling recruitment and violence for years to come.” The Times adds the removal of extremist groups from Facebook and Twitter “succeeded in disrupting their organizing, experts say, but such efforts have pushed them into tougher-to-track forms of communication including encrypted apps that will make it harder to trace extremist activities.”

On the CBS Weekend News (1/16, story 2, 2:04, Diaz, 3.36M), Senior Investigative Correspondent Catherine Herridge said US government officials “told CBS News that recent bulletins from Homeland Security, FBI, and other intelligence agencies conclude the greatest threat to the inauguration is domestic violent extremists, known by law enforcement as DVEs.” Herridge added, “According to a recent intelligence assessment, the conditions that got us here include political division, especially over the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election; grievances over policing and police brutality; and the ripple effect of COVID-19 lockdowns; as well as the successful breach of the Capitol building last week. That’s seen as a driver of further violence.”

In addition, the AP (1/16, Reeves, Smyth) reports “war-like imagery” has spread among Republicans “after the attack on the U.S. Capitol by a mob of...Trump’s supporters, with some elected officials and party leaders rejecting pleas to tone down rhetoric calling for a second civil war.” According to the AP, “The heightened rhetoric mimics language far-right extremists and white supremacists have used for years, and it follows a year of civil unrest over the killing of George Floyd, a Black man, by a white police officer and its links to systemic racism.”

Federal Prisons Enter Lockdown Ahead Of Inauguration. The AP (1/16, Sisak, Balsamo) reports “All federal prisons in the United States have been placed on lockdown, with officials aiming to quell any potential violence that could arise behind bars as law enforcement prepares for potentially violent protests across the country in the run-up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday.” The lockdown became effective “at 12 a.m. Saturday, according to an email to employees from the president of the union representing federal correctional officers.” In a statement, the Bureau of Prisons said, “In light of current events
Spokesman Confirms FEMA To Supply National Guardsmen Stationed At US Capitol With Cots. Politico (1/16, Seligman, Bertrand, 6.73M) reports the National Guardsmen “providing security in the U.S. Capitol ahead of the inauguration are soon getting cots, after images went viral last week of troops sleeping on the floor in the halls of Congress, according to four people familiar with the decision,” and a spokesperson “confirmed Saturday that Federal Emergency Management Agency received a formal request through the D.C. Emergency Operations Center for more than 1,200 cots “to provide comfort for members of the National Guard supporting law enforcement and the upcoming presidential inauguration in D.C.”

DC Activists Seek To Help Homeless In Anticipation Of Potential Unrest. The Washington Post (1/16, Swenson, 10.52M) reports the District, “still shaking off the shock of the violent Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, is now prepping for more potential unrest at this week’s presidential inauguration,” and local activists are now “worrying about the D.C. residents who cannot afford to flee the city or lockdown safely at home. If protests again turn ugly during the inauguration, those without shelter could be caught between battling police and extremists or make easy targets for instigators.” The Post highlights that activists collected donated Metro cards “to give D.C.’s homeless population the opportunity to leave the area if they wished to do so.”

Christian Leaders Seek To Use Inauguration Week Prayer Event To Promote Unity. The AP (1/16, Schor) reports that as “a politically divided nation prepares to inaugurate a new president in the wake of a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, a group of Christian leaders is hoping to ease tensions through prayer during three days of ecumenical, nonpartisan programming.” The AP says the #PeaceWithJustice campaign “aims to project spiritual unity and counter people’s feelings of helplessness with action, during a time of high alert with thousands of troops securing the capital following the Jan. 6 violence, which has led to about 120 arrests so far.” The AP says the event, which will be held online, will also coincide with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

March For Life Calls On Supporters Not To Gather In DC This Year Due To Pandemic, Unrest. The AP (1/16, Crary) reports organizers for “the March for Life, the anti-abortion movement’s preeminent annual event, are asking their supporters nationwide not to gather in Washington this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and political unrest.” The AP adds a “small group of invited anti-abortion leaders” will “instead...march Jan. 29, and the event will be livestreamed, March for Life’s president, Jeanne Mancini, announced Friday.”


The New York Times (1/15, A1, Barnes, Schmidt, Broadwater, Goldman, 20.6M) reports on its front page that in the days prior to “the mob attack on the Capitol, congressional security officials never let House and Senate leaders know that the Capitol Police had warned they might need National Guard backup, according to a congressional aide and other people familiar with the matter.” The Times adds Capitol Police “asked the sergeants-at-arms to request that the National Guard be placed on standby,” but “the sergeants-at-arms, Michael C. Stenger of the Senate and Paul Irving of the House, rejected the request without raising the issue with either the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, or Speaker Nancy Pelosi, according to the aide and another person familiar with the matter.”

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/15, A1, Leonnig, 10.52M) reports on its front page that on Jan. 3, “an internal Capitol Police intelligence report warned of a violent scenario in which ‘Congress Itself’ could be the target of angry supporters of...Trump on Jan. 6, laying out a stark alert that deepens questions about the security failures that day.” The Post says the 12-page report from “the intelligence unit for the congressional police force described how thousands of enraged protesters, egged on by Trump and flanked by white supremacists and extreme militia groups, were likely to stream into Washington armed for battle. This time, the focus of their ire was members of Congress, the report said.”

FEMA Employees Reported Official Who Attended Trump’s “Stop The Steal” Rally To
Chris Grisafe, associate administrator for resilience at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has been assisting in preparations for the Inauguration next week, attended President Donald Trump's 'Stop the Steal' rally on Jan. 6, though he claimed that he did not move with the crowd from the rally area near the White House to the Capitol grounds. Politico adds Grisafe's attendance "alarmed some FEMA staff, according to one person familiar with the matter, and several employees reported it to the DHS Inspector General and the FBI."

Sund Says Intelligence Did Not Predict "Armed, Violent Attack" On Capitol. ON CBS' 60 Minutes (1/17, 5.43M), former US Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund was asked about his decision to resign in the wake of the January 6th siege on the Capitol. Sund said, "I understand how things work. I'm the chief. The visuals of what I watched were alarming." Sund added House Speaker Pelosi went on "national TV and basically made everybody feel that it was a failure on my part. If that's how the leadership feels, then I have no problem. Then, I will step down to let this department move forward." Asked about a report from his intelligence unit which warned the rally could become violent, Sund said Capitol Police had been "expecting some large crowds," and knew "some people...may be armed," but there was no intelligence "about an armed, violent attack on the United States Capitol building."

Reporters' Footage Shows Capitol Violence. The New Yorker (1/17, Gessen, 5.31M) reports that its contributing writer Luke Mogelson attended President Trump's speech on Jan. 6 and then "followed the President's supporters as they forced their way into the U.S. Capitol, using his phone's camera as a reporter's notebook." Tom Llamas said in the lead story that the New Yorker video includes "disturbing new footage...of the Capitol riots, images not yet seen of violent clashes and the buildings were breached and members of the mob filled the Senate chamber outnumbering police and revealing their disturbing intentions, what they were saying as they ransacked the Senate and the threat of more attacks." ABC's Matt Gutman added the video shows the "mob invading the Capitol with sinister intent" and he described Mogelson as "a silent witness as they rifle through senators' documents like a squad of amateur spies."

On NBC Nightly News (1/17, story 2, 2:30, Snow, 3.76M), Vaughn Hillyard also said the "shocking video" shows "Trump supporters climbing through the busted doors and windows," and "threatening the police," and "claiming Sen. Ted Cruz is on their side." Hillyard added, "One man, Jake Angeli, with clear contempt for Vice President Pence, taking a seat in his chair." According to Hillyard, the videos have been helping the FBI, which "says that they have received 150,000 photo and video tips related to the attack so far. And authorities say they still are working on more than 300 open cases."

WPost: Attack On Capital Reinforces Need For Federal Law Enforcement To Use Body Cameras. The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) editorializes that the resistance of federal law enforcement to wearing body cameras on January 6 "got renewed attention with the assault on the Capitol by supporters of President Trump seeking to overturn the results of the presidential election." The Post adds that despite the footage from journalists and those involved in the riot, "there was no footage from the Capitol Police who were on the front lines of the insurrection. Had they been equipped with body cameras, questions about their actions -- as well as information about the atrocities committed against them -- would have been easier to answer."

DOJ, DHS And Pentagon IGs To Probe Capitol Security Failures.

The AP (1/15, Tucker, Balsamo) reports that "federal watchdogs launched a sweeping review of how the FBI, the Pentagon and other law enforcement agencies responded to the riot at the U.S. Capitol, including whether there were failures in information sharing and other preparations that left the historic symbol of democracy vulnerable to assault." The AP adds the investigations by the inspectors general "for the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, Interior and Defense, could result in searing criticism of the government's handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials." The AP adds that the reviews "will encompass everything from whether the FBI adequately shared information with other law enforcement agencies about the potential for violence to how the FBI(21cv558)-8308
Pentagon mobilized for the Jan. 6 crisis.”

The New York Times (1/15, Benner, Thrush, 20.6M) states that in the days since “the attack, it has become clear that federal agencies, including the F.B.I., did not do enough to heed alarms raised within the bureau itself, that far-right extremists allied with President Trump planned to attack the Capitol.” The Times reports that “several people on a terrorist watch list were also in Washington for the rally by Mr. Trump that dovetailed into the assault.” The Times adds that “questions have arisen about the Pentagon’s delay in sending national guard troops to help Capitol Police officers.”

According to the Washington Post (1/15, Barrett, Ryan, 10.52M), “The announcement of such a probe, as the F.B.I.’s sprawling national investigation into the attack is barely a week old, underscores the degree of concern in government circles that vital intelligence may have been missed or mishandled.” The Post says “law enforcement officials insisted Friday that effort was only gaining steam, saying they have filed 98 criminal cases against people, and opened nearly 300 cases on individuals under investigation for rioting. Those figures, they said, would continue to grow as they examine more than 100,000 tips received from the public.”

The New York Times (1/15, Sullivan, Goldman, 20.6M) reports that the FBI “has conducted dozens of interviews in the killing of the Capitol Police officer who died after confronting the pro-Trump mob last week and other assaults on law enforcement during the violence.” According to the Times, “An earlier F.B.I. memo, sent to the private sector and others, had wrongly said that the bureau was investigating 37 people in the death of the officer, Brian Sicknick, but it relied on incorrect internal information.” The Times says it is “not clear how many people the F.B.I. have identified who might have information about Mr. Sicknick’s killing.” On the CBS Evening News (1/15, story 3, 2:33, O’Donnell, 4.08M), Kris Van Cleave interviewed two officers “who were nearly killed by the mob.”

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (1/15, Weiner, 10.52M) reports a Capitol Police officer “shook hands with two people in the mob and admitted defeat, according to” two men interviewed by the FBI for their involvement in the riot. The Post adds that while “no specific officer is identified in charging papers by federal law enforcement officials, who are relying on the defendants’ own recounting of their experience inside the Capitol,” other court documents “described Capitol Police officers’ failed attempts to hold back the crowd.” However, the Wall Street Journal (1/15, Hobbs, Grimaldi, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports in an exclusive that Lt. Tarik Khalid Johnson, a Capitol Police officer who was suspended after wearing a red Make America Great Again hat during the unrest, claimed he wore the MAGA hat in a bid to reach and assist his colleagues, “and one witness said the lieutenant’s action enabled a set of doors to the Capitol to be closed, shutting off an entry point to more intruders.”

Politico (1/15, Niedziwadek, 6.73M) reported that the DOJ “announced Friday it has initiated an internal review of its response to the Jan. 6 incursion on the U.S. Capitol building, as the federal government takes a hard look at its failure to prevent a deadly riot that breached the halls of Congress.” DOJ IG Michael Horowitz “said that the investigation will examine the intelligence the department had preceding the deadly riots, how it distributed that information with other agencies, and actions during the crisis.”

The Hill (1/15, Beitsch, Chalfant, 5.69M) reported Horowitz published a statement, saying, “The DOJ OIG review will include examining information relevant to the January 6 events that was available to DOJ and its components in advance of January 6; the extent to which such information was shared by DOJ and its components with the U.S. Capitol Police and other federal, state, and local agencies; and the role of DOJ personnel in responding to the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.”

Reuters (1/15) reported that the probe will “be coordinated with other federal agencies whose law enforcement arms were also involved in responding to the assault, including the Defense Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior.” The AP (1/15) reported that the investigation “could result in searing criticism of the government’s handling of a deadly breach at the Capitol in which armed loyalists of Trump overran the police and came in close contact with elected officials.”

House Committees Open Investigations Into Capitol Hill Siege. The Hill (1/16,
reported that the House Intelligence Committee, Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Oversight and Reform Committee have "announced a review of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6." The panels "sent a letter to the nation's top law enforcement and intelligence officials asking for documents into what 'warning signs' were missed prior to the riot, if there were 'systemic failures' and how to best address 'countering domestic violent extremism.'" The letter "called for documents and briefings from the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Counterterrorism Center and the Director of National Intelligence on what was known ahead of the attack."

"There is an astounding bravery by some U.S. Capitol Police and other officers; of staggering treachery by violent criminals; and of apparent high-level failures — in particular, with respect to intelligence and security preparedness."

Meanwhile, Kenneth Moton reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 2, 1:19, Moton, 839K) that the FBI "is investigating whether lawmakers aided pro-Trump rioters by giving building tours the day before." In addition, the FBI "is investigating whether foreign governments, organizations or individuals provided financial support to extremists who helped plan and execute the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, one current and one former FBI official told" NBC News (1/16, Dilanian, 4.91M), which reports the bureau "is examining payments of $500,000 in bitcoin, apparently by a French national, to key figures and groups in the alt-right before the riot, the sources said."

In a nearly 2,400-word front-page article, the New York Times (1/16, A1, Kirkpatrick, McIntire, Triebert, 20.6M) reports, "Much is still unknown about the planning and financing of the storming of the Capitol, aiming to challenge Mr. Trump's electoral defeat. What is clear is that it was driven, in part, by a largely ad hoc network of low-budget agitators, including far-right militants, Christian conservatives and ardent adherents of the QAnon conspiracy theory." According to the Times, "The sheer breadth of the movement... suggests it may be far more difficult to confront than a single organization."

**FBI Investigating Whether Rioter Took Laptop From Pelosi's Office.**

On the lead NBC Nightly News (1/16, lead story, 3:15, Holt, 6.27M) story, Tom Costello reported that as of Monday, "at least 139 have been arrested by the FBI and DC police. At least 330 open FBI cases." Costello added Riley June Williams is "facing multiple charges including assaulting police," and Reuters (1/18, Wolfe) reports the FBI is investigating if she "took a laptop computer or hard drive from" House Speaker Pelosi’s office "during the Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol and tried to sell the device to Russian intelligence, according to a court filing."

However, the AP (1/18) reports the FBI "said in an arrest warrant Sunday [that] Williams hasn’t been charged with theft but only with illegally entering the Capitol and with disorderly conduct." USA Today (1/18, Brown, 12.7M) reports Williams “can be seen directing rioters towards Pelosi’s office in footage obtained by the FBI."

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Rector, 3.37M) reports, "A romantic partner of Williams told the FBI that the Harrisburg, Pa., resident intended to send the computer device to a friend in Russia, who then planned to sell the device to SVR, Russia’s foreign intelligence service,” an agent wrote. "The FBI is so far “unable to confirm the tip, wrote FBI agent Jonathan Lund, who added that Williams had deleted her social media accounts and appeared to be on the run.”
The Washington Post (1/18, Hsu, Knowles, 10.52M) reports, “Williams can be seen in an ITV News video posted to YouTube, taken from inside the Capitol, wearing a green T-shirt and a brown trench coat with a zebra-print bag, directing rioters up a staircase toward Pelosi’s office, the FBI said.” The woman in the video “can be seen pushing people forward amid a crowd,” and other “video and photographs capture Williams entering or inside the Capitol, according to law enforcement.” An FBI agent “said police in Harrisburg confirmed with Williams’s father, of Camp Hill, Pa., that the pair drove to Washington for the Jan. 6 demonstration and then back home but did not stay together during the event.”

Also reporting are the Philadelphia Inquirer (1/18, Roebuck), The Hill (1/18, Williams, 5.69M), the Daily Beast (1/18, Ross, 933K), and CNN (1/18, Polantz, 89.21M).

US Attorney For DC Downplays Claims Rioters Had Coordinated Plots To Kidnap Or Kill Officials.

The AP (1/15, Richer, Billeaud) reports that while federal prosecutors on Thursday “said there was ‘strong evidence’ the pro-Trump mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week aimed to ‘capture and assassinate elected officials,’” they “backed away from the allegation after the head of the investigation cautioned Friday that the probe is still in its early stages and there was no ‘direct evidence’ of such intentions.”

While the Washington Post (1/15, Armus, 10.52M) reports the court filing “said [Chansley] left an ominous note for Vice President Pence at his desk in the Senate chamber,” Assistant US Attorney Todd Allison on Friday “walked back the claim of an assassination plot, saying that while it ‘may very well be appropriate at a trial,’ raising it at this stage could ‘mislead the court.’” In addition, Reuters (1/15, Wolfe, Lynch) reports Michael Sherwin, the US Attorney for the District of Columbia, on Friday “said there is currently no direct evidence of efforts to capture or assassinate lawmakers in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.” However, the Wall Street Journal (1/15, Gurman, Viswanatha, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Sherwin conceded, “There are breadcrumbs of organization.”

CNBC (1/15, Mangan, 7.34M) reports on its website that a judge ordered Chansley on Friday to be held without bail “after prosecutors presented evidence he stormed into the Senate and left a menacing note for...Pence during a riot by pro-Trump supporters.” Meanwhile, Politico (1/15, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports Richard Barnett, “an Arkansas man who became one of the most recognized figures in last week’s Capitol riot after being photographed propping his feet up on a desk in Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office,” on Friday received “the permission of a magistrate judge to return home to await trial on charges of entering Capitol grounds with a stun-gun, disorderly conduct and theft,” but the ruling was “overturned hours later.”

Pelosi Suggests Some Members Of Congress May Have Been “Accomplices To This Insurrection.”

The AP (1/15) reports House Speaker Pelosi on Friday suggested “there may be a need to prosecute members of Congress if any are found to have assisted the pro-Trump rioters in last week’s attack on the Capitol.” The AP says her remarks “underscore some Democrats’ suggestions that some GOP lawmakers helped” President Trump’s supporters believe “Trump’s false charges that his presidential election loss was due to vote fraud,” and they “also highlight the extraordinary distrust and anger that’s grown in Congress since the attack, which led to this week’s House impeachment of Trump.”

Reuters (1/15, Cornwell) reports Pelosi was “asked whether any actions would be taken against lawmakers who may have brought tours to the Capitol on Jan. 5, the day before the attack by pro-Trump rioters.” Pelosi responded, “If in fact it is found that members of Congress were accomplices to this insurrection, if they aided and abetted the crimes, there have to be actions taken beyond the Congress, in terms of prosecution for that.” According to Reuters, Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ) “has accused Republicans of inciting the Trump supporters, saying she saw colleagues leading groups on ‘reconnaissance’ tours of the Capitol the day before the attack,” while “more than 30 House Democrats have asked the acting House and Senate sergeants-at-arms and the acting head of the Capitol Police for information about who was in the building on Jan. 5.”

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the CBS Evening News (1/15, story 4, 1:12, O’Donnell, 4.08M), Nancy Cordes reported: “Several lawmakers or their aides have told us that they saw large groups in House office buildings, in violation of House rules the day before the riots.”

The Washington Post (1/15, Shepherd, 10.52M) reports that on Thursday, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) "came out swinging to deny any involvement in that incident, although no Democrats have publicly named her." The Post adds the "gun rights advocate with links to the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory...said the allegations have been falsely linked to her." In a letter to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Boebert wrote, "You said that you could 'confirm' a Member of Congress gave Capitol tours to 'insurrectionists' and implied I was that Member of Congress." She added, "I did not conspire with criminals that attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6. I have never given a tour of the U.S. Capitol to any outside group or 'insurrectionists.'"

Meanwhile, Tom Costello reported on NBC Nightly News (1/15, story 7, 1:40, Costello, 5.57M) that Capitol Police "and the FBI tell NBC News they are investigating whether Republican members of Congress aided the mob." The New York Times (1/15, Broadwater, Fandos, 20.6M) reports the Capitol Police probe "came to light as...Pelosi announced that she had named Russel L. Honoré, a retired Army lieutenant general, to lead a security review of the Capitol in the wake of the riot."

Rep. Cohen Says He Saw Boebert Guiding Tour In Days Before Capitol Insurrection. CNN (1/18, Scutto, Nobles, Grayer, 89.21M) reports on its website that Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) on Monday accused Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) of "guiding a group of people through the Cannon House Office Building tunnel in the days leading up the Capitol insurrection on January 6." On CNN Newsroom, Cohen said he and Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY) saw Boebert “taking a group of people for a tour sometime after the 3rd and before the 6th.” He added, “Whether these people were people that were involved in the insurrection or not, I do not know.” CNN says his claim “is significant because it is the first time a member of Congress has specifically accused another member of giving a tour of the Capitol complex prior to the riot.” However, Boebert responded, “The only people I have ever had in the Capitol with me during the 117th Congress are my young children, husband, mom, aunt and uncle.”


According to the Washington Post (1/17, O’Harrow, 10.52M), "The fiery rallies that preceded the
deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 were organized and promoted by an array of established conservative insiders and activists, documents and videos show. The Post highlights that the Republican Attorneys General Association "was involved, as were the activist groups Turning Point Action and Tea Party Patriots. At least six current or former members of the Council for National Policy (CNP), an influential group that for decades has served as a hub for conservative and Christian activists, also played roles in promoting the rallies." Per the Post, the rallies "were staged not by white nationalists and other extremists, but by well-funded nonprofit groups and individuals that figure prominently in the machinery of conservative activism in Washington," but it concedes "organizing warm-up events is not the same thing as plotting to invade the Capitol."

AP Review: Some Former Trump Campaign Aides Had Staffed Rally Prior To Capitol Violence. An AP (1/17, Ladner, Smith) review has found "more than half a dozen" members of President Trump's reelection campaign "played key roles in orchestrating the Washington rally that spawned a deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol," which "undercut[s] claims the event was the brainchild of the president's grassroots supporters." The AP says that although Women for America First, "a pro-Trump nonprofit," had hosted the "Save America Rally" on Jan. 6, "an attachment to the National Park Service public gathering permit granted to the group lists" former campaign staff as staffers for the rally, and "at least one was working for the Trump campaign this month," while "at least three of the Trump campaign aides named on the permit rushed to obscure their connections to the demonstration."

Sunday Protests At Capitols Across US Were Small And Nonviolent.
The AP (1/17) reports, "Small groups of right-wing protesters - some of them carrying rifles - gathered outside heavily fortified statehouses around the country Sunday, outnumbered by National Guard troops and police brought in to prevent a repeat of the violence that erupted at the U.S. Capitol. As darkness fell, there were no reports of any clashes." The Los Angeles Times (1/17, 3.37M) reports, "Fears of major protests by armed, far-right Trump supporters outside the Capitol and at state capitols Sunday proved unfounded, with only small groups, some carrying weapons, gathering in a handful of cities."

Trevor Ault reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/17, story 3, 1:35, Llamas, 4.44M) that in "a stunning show of force, heavily armed law enforcement surround[ed] state capitols, bracing for potentially dangerous demonstrations. Small crowds of Trump supporters protest[ed] in half a dozen states, many of them armed but peaceful." David Begnaud said on the CBS Weekend News (1/17, lead story, 3:20, 1.3M), "Around the country today, there was outrage, but no protests. The FBI had warned that the far-right group the Boogaloo Bois might show up at capitols around the country today to protest. Sure enough, they came" to Lansing, Michigan, "but they were small in number, and it was all peaceful."

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports, "In the end, it was for a handful of protesters, most from the right, a few from the left, many looking more like ragtag stragglers than the furious mob of Trump supporters that ransacked the U.S. Capitol" on January 6. In Concord, New Hampshire, "five masked men dressed in tactical gear and carrying assault rifles gathered on the sidewalk in front of the statehouse lawn to express concerns about 'government overreach.'" In Lansing, "National Guard soldiers watched as a dozen members of the far-right Boogaloo Bois group showed up with military-style weapons." The Washington Post (1/17, 10.52M) reports that in Annapolis, Maryland, "where local police, state troopers and National Guardsmen were protecting the Maryland State House, the most rambunctious activity came from local dogs that wanted to greet the bomb-sniffing canines patrolling the area."

The Chicago Tribune (1/17, 2.03M) reports that in Springfield, Illinois, "there were no demonstrations, with the exception of a man who waved a 'Black Lives Matter' flag in front of the 153-year-old home of the General Assembly for a few minutes Sunday and then left." The San Francisco Chronicle (1/17, 2.44M) reports that in Sacramento, California, "the only political presence of any kind was supplied by Christian Alvarado, who stood in front of the Capitol with an American flag and a yellow mask scrawled with 'E Pluribus Unum,' to show his support for lawmakers, police and the National Guard troops who were protecting" the statehouse.

The Detroit Free Press (1/17, 2.16M) reports, "As of 3 p.m., there were no violent incidents
nor arrests” at the Capitol building in Lansing, Michigan, "as almost all protesters had already left the building and its surrounding area." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (1/17, 1.46M) reports “two men armed with rifles over their shoulders showed up” at the Capitol building in Atlanta. Shortly before they arrived, “six protesters walked up, chanting: ‘Black lives matter!’ and ‘No justice, no peace, no racist police!’ The group marched around the Capitol as they chanted.”

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/17) reports the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Capitol complex "was closed to the public and largely empty, save for police, national guardsmen and reporters and photographers, many of whom gathered around a lone protester named Alex." In Trenton, New Jersey, "a lone protester with a 'Stop the Steal' sign loitered for less than half an hour in front of the New Jersey State Senate Annex Sunday morning." The Boston Globe (1/17, 1.04M) reports “no protesters were visible” in the vicinity of the Massachusetts Capitol.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/17, 8.55K) reports “a small number of people” turned out at the Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota. USA Today (1/17, 12.7M) has an online summary of protest activity across the nation on Sunday. Reuters (1/17), the Wall Street Journal (1/17, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), Politico (1/17, 6.73M), and The Hill (1/17, 5.69M) also report.

Annual Virginia Pro-Gun Event Much Smaller In Wake Of Capitol Siege. Reuters (1/18, Harte, Chavez) reports that only a few dozen gun-rights activists converged in Richmond, Virginia, on Monday for the “Lobby Day” annual demonstration that typically draws thousands, with the protest dampened by tensions in the wake of the siege of the US Capitol. Of the 50 protesters who did attend, many were "from the far-right Proud Boys and the anti-government boogaloo movement who were openly carrying semi-automatic weapons.”

USA Today (1/18, Bacon, Carless, 12.7M) reports the event was organized by the gun-rights group Virginia Citizens Defense League. The group said in a statement, "We want everyone to know that we are coming to Richmond so we will be in vehicles decked out with VCDL signs and flags. We will form caravans coming from all four corners of the state, with people joining in all along the way." The Washington Post (1/18, Schneider, Vozzella, 10.52M) reports that "a day officials had feared could descend into anti-government violence settled into something stranger, as a sidelines of heavily armed protest groups held competing news conferences outside Capitol Square before throngs of media and an even greater number of police."

The Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (1/18, 401K) reports that Del. Kirk Cox (R), "a GOP candidate for governor, supports gun rights, but Monday he called out the Boogaloo Boys who showed up in Richmond Monday on his Twitter account." He said, "These people aren't protestors, they're provocateurs. They're not welcome at our Capitol and they need to go home before someone gets hurt. Grateful for our law enforcement officers and their work to keep us safe." Fox News (1/18, Aitken, 23.99M) reports on its website that “a Black Lives Matter counterprotest of some dozen or two dozen members also appeared, though by midday the groups had not interacted.”

Michigan Senate Majority Leader Advised Militia Leaders In September. Michigan Advance (1/19) reports that the month “before 13 men were charged by state and federal law enforcement for a far-right plot to allegedly kidnap and execute” Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), state Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R) “had a sitdown conversation with leaders of three Michigan-based militias.” However, according to the Advance, the September meeting "was not the first time Shirkey was arm-in-arm with militia members.”

Social Media Companies Adopting “Notably More Aggressive Approach.”

The Los Angeles Times (1/18, 3.37M) reports social media companies over the past four years "generally took a soft line in enforcing their policies against threats and misinformation, allowing most borderline speech, including the president's, to stand," but "in the wake of a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol aimed at disrupting the transfer of power, and ahead of an inauguration feared to provoke new attacks around the country, those same social media companies are taking a notably more aggressive approach.”
Police Officer Fatally Shoots Man In Texas.

ABC World News Tonight (1/16, story 8, 1:33, Llamas, 839K) reported on a “tragic police-involved shooting in Killeen, Texas. The family of Patrick Warren called the city’s mental health hotline for help. A police officer was the only one to show up. Moments later he shot Warren dead as his wife, mother, and sons watched in the horror.” According to correspondent Elwyn Lopez, Warren’s family says this was not the first time they called for help for him. The day before, the police department had sent a mental health resource officer, but this time it was a policeman.” Lopez added, “The family says Warren, who had lost his job during the pandemic, was unarmed. The department says that there are, quote, ‘many more facts in this case that are not publicly available at this time.’ They’ve placed the officer on paid administrative leave while they investigate.”

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Pentagon Increases Efforts To Identify Far-Right Extremism In Ranks.

The New York Times (1/18, Schmitt, Steinhauser, Cooper, 20.6M) reports, “The Pentagon is intensifying efforts to identify and combat white supremacy and other far-right extremism in its ranks.” Although it is “still in its very early stages,” the FBI investigation “identified at least six suspects with military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger number still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault.” In an interview, Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, “These people are not representative of our country’s military” and “said most active-duty troops and veterans ‘continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution.’”

Pakistan Military Kills Taliban Suspected Of Killing Troops In October.

The AP (1/18) reports, “Pakistani security forces raided a hideout Monday” and “killed two Taliban fighters, including one suspected of involvement in an October attack that killed six soldiers, the military said.” A third “was arrested in the raid in the South Waziristan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.” Pakistan’s military “said it acted on intelligence.” Militants in Pakistan have “stepped up attacks on troops in the former tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, citing concerns that insurgents are regrouping there.” Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan “are a separate insurgent group from the Afghan Taliban, although Pakistan’s militant groups are often interlinked with those across the border.”

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

Barr Reportedly Told Trump In December Theories About Stolen Election Were False.

The Hill (1/18, Byrnes, 5.69M) reports that former AG Barr “reportedly pushed back strongly on President Trump when discussing claims the president was circulating about the election being ‘stolen’ from him,” according to Axios. In early December, Barr “told the president that such theories of a stolen election were [b---s---].” Other aides at the meeting, “including White House counsel Pat Cipollone, were reportedly surprised that the attorney general had made the comment, though did not disagree with his remarks.” Barr reportedly told Trump that his allegations of widespread voter fraud were not “panning out” and “the stuff that these people are filling your ear with just isn’t true.” The AG “reportedly emphasized that the DOJ had reviewed the major claims put forward by the president’s lawyers.”

DOJ Releases More Than 121 Pages Of Mueller Team’s Flynn Interviews.

The Washington Examiner (1/15, Dunleavy, 888K) reports that DOJ last week released “more than 100 pages of FBI interview notes from retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn’s discussions with special
Graham Releases Documents From Russia Probe Leading To Additional Revelations.

In an exclusive, Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports, “Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham on Friday released a slew of additional documents and transcripts related to his panel’s investigation into the origins and aftermath of the Trump-Russia probe.” Graham called the original probe “one of the most incompetent and corrupt investigations in the history of the FBI and DOJ.” Graham “released transcripts of interviews with FBI and Justice Department officials conducted by the committee, between March 3, 2020 and October 29, 2020,” pertaining to “Crossfire Hurricane.”

The Washington Examiner (1/15, Dunleavy, 888K) reports, “The transcripts included interviews with former top DOJ official Bruce Ohr, who had acted as a secret back channel for British ex-spy Christopher Steele and who resigned in September, and Dana Boente, the former FBI general counsel and briefly acting attorney general.” Boente, along with Comey, signed off on the second renewal for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrants targeting former Trump campaign associate Carter Page.” Last week, other witness transcripts released “Include Michael Steinbach, the former FBI executive assistant director who had concerns about Strzok and former FBI lawyer Lisa Page working together and Stuart Evans.” Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/15, Ross, 375K).

The Daily Caller (1/17, Ross, 375K) reports separately that Michael Gaeta, a “veteran FBI agent who served as handler for Trump dossier author Christopher Steele,” told a “Senate panel that he viewed the ex-British spy as ‘completely untrustworthy,’” according to the documents. Gaeta “served as a liaison between Steele and the Crossfire Hurricane team that investigated possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian government. He was the first FBI agent to receive copies of a dossier that Steele compiled on Donald Trump as part of an investigation funded by the Clinton campaign and DNC.” Reporting similarly is the Washington DC Examiner (1/18, Dunleavy, 888K).

Fox News (1/15, Singman, 23.99M) reports separately, “An agent involved in the FBI’s original Trump-Russia case left the Crossfire Hurricane team amid a ‘professional disagreement’ with Bill Priestap, after the former assistant director of counterintelligence denied his request for an ‘enhanced validation review’ of Christopher Steele’s reporting,” according to the documents released last week. The agent testified, “I had questions about our intel validation ongoing in the Counterintelligence Division, and all of that contributed to my professional disagreement.” Reporting similarly is the Daily Caller (1/18, Ross, 375K).

Repairman Of Hunter Biden’s Laptop Posts Tell-All Videos.

The Washington Times (1/18, Scarborough, 626K) reports, “The Wilmington, Delaware, repair shop owner who distributed Hunter Biden’s laptop contents to the FBI and Trump supporters has emerged on a GoFundMe page to tell his story. John Paul Mac Isaac “has posted a series of videos – titled The Truth and I am Not a Russian and I am Not a Hacker” – to dispel what Democrats and President Barack Obama’s intelligence kingpins said about him. ‘To imply that I’m a hacker and that that information was hacked has had an irreversible impact on my business and my character,’ Mr. Mac Isaac says in a video.” The Times adds, “He says that at first the FBI wanted nothing to do with the Biden laptop. Once the FBI took possession of it on Dec. 9, 2019, he got the feeling they were waiting for Hunter Biden to claim it. ‘Why was it not admitted as evidence at impeachment?’ he asks.”

Democrats Hope For Quick Approval Of Biden National Security Nominees.

Politico (1/16, Everett, 6.73M) reports, “Senior Democrats are optimistic that [President-elect] Biden will see at least two of his top national security officials confirmed either on Inauguration Day or shortly thereafter.” Though the “Senate majority is set to change hands in the next couple
days,” Biden and Democrats “are hoping he won’t have a totally bare Cabinet” – especially “after the pro-Trump siege of the Capitol last week by rioters and extremists.” Democrats “hope to make Janet Yellen the new Treasury secretary and Tony Blinken the new secretary of State in the coming days.” They argue, however, the “minimum bar should be confirming Alejandro Mayorkas to the Department of Homeland Security and retired Gen. Lloyd Austin to the Defense Department to beef up national security.” Mayorkas, Austin, Blinken, Yellen, and DNI Secretary nominee Avril Haines “all have hearings on Tuesday. Haines is another prospect for quick confirmation given the politics and mood in Congress about the security breach in the Capitol.”

**Legislation Aims To Empower Government To Counter Domestic Extremists.**

The *Daily Beast* (1/18, Stein, 933K) reports that US security agencies “were again caught flat footed” when “pro-Trump fanatics...stormed and trashed” the US Capitol. Democrat-led investigations and committees “will almost certainly revisit the thorny question of whether the U.S. needs an independent counter-subversion agency to infiltrate and neutralize armed domestic extremists.” A bill to those ends has “been introduced to empower federal law enforcement to better monitor and stop domestic extremist violence.” Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) said, “The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act improves coordination between our federal agencies and makes sure they are focused on the most serious domestic threats.” Meanwhile, internal watchdogs at DOJ, DOD, DOT, and DHS “are gearing up probes of what security officials knew and when about threats before January 6,” according to The Washington Post.

PBS NewsHour’s (1/18, 792K) Nick Schifrin interviewed former principal deputy director of national intelligence Sue Gordon about “whether Trump should be cut off after leaving office, insider threats in the military, and political appointments at the NSA.” Gordon said, “The insider threat is always the most daunting and the most difficult, because you have people who are ostensibly trusted.” Gordon added the IC “doesn’t typically or statutorily look at U.S. citizens, so you don’t have the advantage of that craft in the way you might for other threats, to just our Constitution, the rights of citizens.” Law enforcement then “needs some sort of predicate. You have to have done something. And so if nothing is manifest, it’s difficult.”

However, BuzzFeed News (1/15, Haskins) reports, that legislation treating the Capitol rioters and domestic extremists as terrorists “is unnecessary – and even dangerous,” according to lawyers and activists. University of Illinois international relations professor Nicholas Grossman said the US “has a massive, terrifying law enforcement, intelligence, and national security capacity. And if anything, the arguments that it has too much are better than the arguments that it has too little.” Additionally, a “federal domestic terrorism law could jeopardize civil rights activists, such as Black Lives Matter protesters whom the FBI controversially termed ‘Black Identity Extremists.’”

**Biden Announces David Cohen As Pick For Deputy CIA Director, Additional Nominations.**

NBC News (1/15, Dianian, 4.91M) reports, “President-elect Joe Biden will appoint lawyer David Cohen as deputy director of the CIA,” according to an official. Cohen held the job “for two years in the Obama administration,” and he will be “able to assume [it] Wednesday, because it doesn’t require Senate confirmation.” After the Obama years, “Cohen rejoined his law firm, WilmerHale – the firm that employs former FBI director and special counsel Robert Mueller – and he spent time as an NBC News national security contributor.”

The AP (1/15, Madhani, Slodysko) reports that the nominations “come as the president-elect is putting a premium on experience, and perhaps familiarity, as he looks to fill out top positions at federal agencies with less than a week to go before his inauguration.” Cohen “has traveled the world for years tracking money flowing to terror groups, such as the Islamic State group, and other bad actors on the international stage.” Cohen’s “work directing the Treasury Department’s intelligence unit earlier in his career earned him the nicknames of ‘financial batman’ and ‘sanctions guru.’” The AP adds Biden is “nominating New York emergency department commissioner Deanne Criswell to serve as” FEMA administrator. Biden also picked former FDA Commissioner David Kessler “to help lead the COVID-19 vaccine drive. Kessler has been advising Biden as a co-chair of his advisory board on the coronavirus pandemic.”

Reuters (1/15) reports that Biden’s transition team stated, “Cohen is a national security,
finance and legal expert. The statement added Cohen’s work leading “special projects on new technologies and how best to work with companies to advance the CIA’s mission.” Cohen “also previously served as Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Treasury Department, where he dealt with terrorism financing and oversaw sanctions against countries such as Iran, Russia and North Korea.”

Bloomberg (1/15, Hunter, 3.57M) reports, “Among the other picks Biden announced were environmental law and policy expert Janet McCabe to be deputy EPA administrator and Shalanda Young, the staff director and clerk for the House Appropriations Committee, to be deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.” Bloomberg adds Criswell “is currently the commissioner of the New York City Emergency Management Division, leading the city’s emergency response to the coronavirus pandemic.”

Also reporting are CNN (1/15, Marquardt, Stracqualursi, 89.21M), Politico (1/15, Matishak, 6.73M), and the Washington Times (1/15, Madhani, Slodyske, 626K).

UFO Investigator Calls Released CIA Documents “Real-life X-Files.”

Fox News (1/18, Caccia, 23.99M) reports, “The CIA’s decision to declassify more than three decades worth of UFO documents is a ‘real-life X-Files,’” according to former UK Defense Ministry employee Nick Pope. The UFO investigator “said there are some ‘fascinating’ documents in the files, which are more than 2,700 pages,” but the “odd manner in which they were released and difficulties searching them will fuel conspiracy theories.” Pope said, “Perhaps these are the documents the government wants people to see, a bit like a magician who does something flamboyant with one hand, to draw people’s attention, while the important thing is going on in his other hand, behind his back.”

Publication Touts Biden’s Pick Of Foreign Service Officer For CIA Director.

In an “argument,” Foreign Policy (1/15, Miller, Kurtzer, 323K) says that President-elect Biden’s nominee for CIA Director, William Burns, “is the first career foreign service officer to be nominated to run the CIA in the agency’s 73-year history.” Burns will complement Biden’s “picks for secretary of state and national security advisor as they reinvigorate diplomacy as a critical tool of national power.” The IC under Burns “can be expected to devote more attention to its mission of ‘intelligence in the service of diplomacy,’ which will help U.S. diplomats deal with problems before they become crises and help them manage crises that do arise.” The selection “also shows the value that the president-elect attaches to public service, experience, and expertise.”

NSA Issues Guidance On Implementing “DNS Over HTTPS.”

ExecutiveGov (1/15) reports that NSA “has issued a guidance on the implementation, benefits and disadvantages of using a form of encrypted Domain Name System to fortify user privacy and authentication procedures.” DoH, or DNS over Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Transport Layer Security, “can help prevent DNS traffic breaches and system manipulation resulting from unauthorized access.” DoH can also, however, “result in issues such as breaches in upstream DNS traffic, configuration vulnerabilities in internal networks and a ‘false sense of security’, according to the notice.” The agency’s “recommendations include blocking out all other unauthorized DoH resolvers, utilizing a virtual private network, leveraging DNS logs and validating Domain Name System Security Extensions.”

Gov Info Security (1/18) quotes the agency saying, “These essential protective DNS controls can prevent numerous threat techniques used for initial access, command-and-control and exfiltration, such as phishing links to malicious domains, connections using dynamic name resolution and commands hidden in DNS traffic.” NSA added, “Even if not formally adopted by the enterprise, newer browsers and other software may try to use encrypted DNS anyway and bypass the enterprise’s traditional DNS-based defenses.”

NSA Releases SIGINT Annex Governing Intel Not Subject To FISA.

Lawfare (1/18, Kris) reports that on January 13, NSA released the “SIGINT Annex,” a “document that is the descendant of those agency regulations referred to by Congress, governing SIGINT that
is not subject to the FISA statute.” The new document “is in the form of an annex or appendix to the manual of rules that governs intelligence collection by all elements” of DOD. Both the DOD manual and the SIGINT Annex “were promulgated under the authority of Section 2.3 of Executive Order 12333, issued by President Reagan.” The author explains “the SIGINT Annex in a way that would be more accessible to outsiders,” as he did “a few years ago with respect to new guidelines issued by the CIA.”

**Former FBI Official’s Book Critiques Canadian Intelligence In Jeffrey Delisle Case.**

The *Globe and Mail (CAN)* (1/17, Bronskill, 1.09M) reports that in his new book, former FBI head of counter-intelligence Frank Figliuzzi “says felt to him to tell the RCMP about a spy in the Canadian navy, even though the Canadian Security Intelligence Service was already well aware of Jeffrey Delisle’s sale of sensitive secrets to the Russians.” The book “casts a critical eye on the Delisle case, pointing to the episode as a prime illustration of systemic problems with how Canadian agencies investigate espionage.” Delisle was a “sub-lieutenant at the Trinity intelligence centre in Halifax.” He “had access to a data bank of classified secrets shared by the Five Eyes community – Canada, the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.”

**New MoD Spy Planes Previously Used By Chinese Airlines; Tom Tugendhat Comments.**

The *Telegraph (UK)* (1/16, Hope, 2.94K) reported that government ministers have been “accused of risking national security by buying second-hand Chinese 737 airliners to convert into new spy planes in a bid to save money,” and have ordered five E-7 Wedgetail aircraft from Boeing, two of which were previously operated by commercial airlines in China. The aircraft will deliver the UK’s Airborne Early Warning and Control capability, from 2023 from RAF Lossiemouth in Scotland. The Telegraph quotes House of Commons Foreign Affairs select committee chairman Tom Tugendhat MP, who asked, “No one’s travelling and planes are cheap, so why are we buying spy planes from a country that’s spying on us?"  

**Russia Expels Two Dutch Diplomats In Quid Pro Quo Move.**

The *AP* (1/18) reports, “Russia’s Foreign Ministry on Monday announced the expulsion of two Dutch diplomats in a quid pro quo move.” The Netherlands in December “ordered two Russian diplomats out after the country’s intelligence agency accused them of gathering intelligence information on semiconductors, nanotechnology and artificial intelligence.” Russia has protested the “unfriendly and provocative” Dutch action, adding that the accusations against the Russian diplomats were “slanderous and unfounded.” Dutch Foreign Minster Stef Blok the diplomats “did their work for the Netherlands in a professional and committed manner. They have now completely unjustly and through no fault of their own been expelled by Russia.”

**Criminal Investigations**

**Federal Judge Sets Date For Trial Over Whitmer Kidnapping Plot.**

The *AP* (1/16) reports Chief U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker “has set a March 23 trial date for six men charged with plotting to kidnap Michigan’s governor in what authorities say was a plot anti-government extremists who were angry over her coronavirus policies.” The six charged suspects “were arrested in early October following an FBI investigation into an alleged plot to kidnap Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer at her vacation home in northern Michigan.”

The *Detroit News* (1/15, 1.16M) reports that eight other individuals “are facing terrorism-related charges in state court.”

**US Grand Jury Indictment Charges Pair Of Hawaii Men With Hate Crime Stemming From 2014 Incident.**

The *AP* (1/15, McAvoy) reports, “A U.S. grand jury indictment unsealed Friday charged two Hawaii men with one count of a hate crime after they allegedly attacked a white man who was attempting to move into their Maui neighborhood.” According to the AP, “Court documents said Kaulana Alo...
Kaohnoi and Levi Aki, Jr. punched, kicked and used a shovel to beat a man identified only as C.K., who was knocked unconscious. Moreover, prosecutors said that C.K. sustained a concussion as well as a pair of broken ribs. The incident occurred during February of 2014.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser (1/16, 409K) reports U.S. Attorney Kenji Price announced Monday the indictments of Kaulana Alo Kaohnoi and Levi Aki Jr, who are accused of committing a hate crime against an unidentified Caucasian man in February 2014. The FBI investigated the case.

The Maui (HI) News (1/17, 33K) reports that the men, if convicted, “could face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.”

New Jersey Drug Investigation Results In 18 Arrests.
The Trentonian (NJ) (1/14, Avilucea, 106K) reports 18 suspected “members of a street gang linked to shootings and at least three murders in” Trenton “were taken down” as the result of an investigation that involved the DEA and the FBI. The Times of Trenton (NJ) (1/14, Shea, 1.58M) reports, “A six-month narcotics investigation” led to 18 arrests and the “seizure of dozens of pounds of drugs.”

Investigation Into Drug, Gang Activity In Delaware Leads To More Than 50 Arrests.
An online WGHQ-FM Rehoboth Beach, DE (1/15, Fowser) report said an investigation “into illegal gang activity and drug distribution” in Delaware “has resulted in more than 50 arrests.” Commenting on the investigation was “Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Baltimore Field Office Jennifer C. Boone,” who stated, “This joint enforcement effort illustrates how effective our law enforcement alliances are in pursuing the crime afflicting our communities. The FBI will continue to work with our partners to disrupt and dismantle dangerous drug operations and protect the citizens of Delaware.”

FBI Searching California For Stolen Armored Humvee.
The AP (1/16) reports that the FBI “announced a search Saturday for an armored military Humvee that was stolen from a National Guard facility in a Los Angeles suburb.” The Humvee “was stolen Friday morning from the National Guard Armory in Bell.” The agency “described the green camouflage vehicle as having four doors” with a bumper number of “40BSBH06.”

Orange County (CA) Register (1/16, 594K) also reports.

Washington State Man Suspected Of Making Bomb Threat.
KREM-TV Spokane, WA (1/17, 307K) reports that an unidentified Washington state man “is in King County Jail after Seattle Police say he set his car tires on fire near the Seattle field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Saturday, and then told first-responders that he had a bomb in the car.”

KIRO-FM Seattle, WA (1/16, 172K) reports that police “said the incident started when firefighters were called at 1:14 p.m. to the 300 block of Spring Street for a vehicle fire.” Local police also “said they coordinated with the FBI to investigate the situation.”

Fox News (1/16, Best, 23.99M) also reports.

New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty In Drug Case.
Tap Into New Jersey (1/18) reports New Jersey resident Dwight Williams has admitted his involvement with an “organization that distributed heroin and cocaine in Camden.” Williams pleaded guilty in his case on Monday, according to the Tap Into New Jersey article, which highlights that the FBI led the investigation of the case.

KRON-TV San Francisco (1/16, 267K) reports that FBI agents and San Francisco police officers are investigating an unidentified man, who is accused of trying to build a bomb” at his home at the Candlestick RV Park. Officials “say they don’t believe the bomb-making materials were connected to any type of Inauguration Day protest,” but it is “still unclear what the man was planning on
FBI Raids New York Home.

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard (1/18, 467K) reports that several FBI agents “raided a home in Camillus as part of an ongoing investigation Monday morning.” The home “is owned by Colleen Hayes,” and Village of Solvay Code Enforcement Inspector Aaron Sauer is also registered as an occupant.

Rhode Island Man Sentenced Over Bribery In Hawaii.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser (1/16, 409K) reports Chief Judge J. Michael Seabright “sentenced John Winslett of Rhode Island to five years and 10 months, followed by three years of supervised release,” after he “admitted to paying bribes of over $100,000 from 2011 to 2018 to two Army contracting officials who worked at the Range Division at Schofield Barracks.” The bribes “included cash; automobiles, including a new Jeep Rubicon; and firearms, including a custom rifle.”

Florida Police Searching For Kidnapped Family.

WFOR-TV Miami (1/17) reports that Pembroke Pines police “are searching for an 18-year-old girl who was kidnapped at gunpoint, along with her parents, early Sunday morning.” Nicole Martinez and her parents “were kidnapped outside of their home in the 900 block of SW 147th Avenue in Pembroke Pines after returning home around 12:30 a.m.”

Americans Being Targeted By COVID Vaccine Scams.

NBC Nightly News” (1/16, story 7, 2:24, Diaz-Balart, 5.78M) reported on “alarming COVID vaccine scams asking for your health and financial information and promising appointments for doses that simply don’t exist.” According to correspondent Jo Ling Kent, a large number of “Americans eligible for the vaccine” have been “targeted by a growing number of scams through social media, e-mail, phone calls and texts. The Department of Health and Human Services says cases are rising with scammers chiseling away your social security number, bank information and medical identity.” Kent asked HHS Office of Inspector General Assistant Special Agent in Charge Nenette Day, “What are some of the examples” of scams “that you’re seeing?” Day said, “We have had people say that they signed up for that vaccine trial, they gave their bank account information, and that money was taken out of their bank account.”

Treasury Department Fines Capitol One Over Anti-Money-Laundering Shortcomings.

The Wall Street Journal (1/15, Andriotis, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the Treasury Department on Friday indicated having fined Capital One over the bank’s failure to maintain effective controls against money laundering. The allegations concern a check-cashing entity which Capital One took over when it acquired North Fork Bank.

WSJournal Says That Despite Madigan’s Defeat, His Successor Likely To Emulate Worst Practices.

The Wall Street Journal (1/15, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) in an editorial warns that while Mike Madigan has lost his position as speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, Madigan’s successor and the new leader Rep. Emanuel Welch is regarded as an ally of Madigan, so Madigan’s practices will live on.


The AP (1/17) reports from Madison, Connecticut, “A Connecticut man has been charged with defrauding investors in an alcoholic beverage company and diverting hundreds of thousands of
dollars for his personal use, federal authorities announced." Brian Hughes, 56, of Madison, "is charged with seven counts of wire fraud, five counts of illegal monetary transactions, one count of money laundering, and four counts of tax evasion, officials from the U.S. attorney's office for Connecticut, the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI said in a statement Friday." Hughes "was arrested Thursday and pleaded not guilty by video conference, authorities said. He is being held pending a Jan. 21 detention hearing."

**Former Florida Mayor Attacks Indictment.**

WMUR-TV Panama City, FL (1/18) reports former Lynn Haven Mayor Margo Anderson, who faces 53 charges of public corruption, is "asking a judge to dismiss some of the federal charges" by blaming former city manager Michael White. Her attorney's wrote in their motion, "The Charter of the City of Lynn Haven ("Charter") demonstrates the contrary as a matter of law that the Mayor is not the head of the municipal government and is not responsible for supervising the City Manager."

**Mississippi Man Sentenced For Healthcare Fraud.**

The Laurel (MS) Leader Call (1/18, 22K) reports from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, "A businessman from Jones County was ordered to serve 18 years in prison and pay more than $287 million in restitution for his role in a multimillion-dollar health-care fraud scheme." Wade Ashley Walters, 54, a Jones County native who lives in Hattiesburg, defrauded TRICARE, the health-care benefit program that serves U.S. military, veterans and their family members, as well as private health-care benefit programs, according to his guilty plea back in July. He was co-owner of several compounding pharmacies and pharmaceutical distributors. He pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health-care fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. U.S. District Judge Keith Starrett of the 50 District of Mississippi ordered Walters to serve a total of 18 years in prison and to pay $287,659,569 in restitution."

**FBI Investigation Results In Conspiracy Charge Against Ohio City Worker.**

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/15, 1.22M) reports the federal prosecutors "brought criminal charges against [Robert Fitzpatrick] Friday that stem from an FBI investigation linked to Council Kenneth Johnson." The FBI "has been investigating Johnson regarding his office and reimbursements for several months."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/15, 1.22M) reports that the Cleveland City Council "provided $168,000 in reimbursements to Johnson for more than 11 years without demanding itemized receipts to document his expenses." Johnson "stated only that he spent the money for unspecified ward services."

**Convicted Pennsylvania Lawyer Files Appeal Over Sentence.**

The Allentown (PA) Morning Call (1/16, Hall, 460K) reports convicted Pennsylvania lawyer Scott Allinson, who "was convicted in March 2018 of conspiracy and bribery for arranging contributions to [former Mayor Ed Pawlowski's] U.S. Senate campaign in exchange for legal work for his firm," filed Friday a new appeal. He argued that prosecutors "failed to meet the higher burden of proof required in cases involving campaign contributions."

**Technologies TO Sell To Huawei.**

Citing "people familiar with the matter," Reuters (1/17) reports that the Trump Administration has notified Huawei suppliers, including Intel, "that it is revoking certain licenses to sell to the Chinese company and intends to reject dozens of other applications to supply the telecommunications firm." The move against Huawei, which Reuters says is likely the last under President Trump, "is the latest in a long-running effort to weaken the world's largest telecommunications equipment maker, which it says is a threat to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests." Reuters
cites “sources familiar with the situation” who “said there was more than one revocation. One of the sources said eight licenses were yanked from four companies.”

**EMA Says COVID Vaccine Documents Stolen From Its Servers By Hackers Have Been “Manipulated.”**

The AP (1/15, Cheng) reports that the EMA “said Friday that COVID-19 vaccine documents stolen from its servers by hackers have been not only leaked to the web, but ‘manipulated.’” The agency “said that an ongoing investigation showed that hackers obtained emails and documents from November related to the evaluation of experimental coronavirus vaccines.” The EMA “did not explain exactly what information was altered – but cybersecurity experts say such practices are typical of disinformation campaigns launched by governments.”

**Experts, Government Warn About Cyberscams Threatening Healthcare Industry.**

Modern Healthcare (1/16, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 215K) reports, “Cybersecurity experts warn about four common scams they’ve seen permeating the industry” as “ransomware and other breaches into systems” are dangers against which “healthcare organizations need to defend.” Fake vaccine appointments “are not only taking place online,” but on websites such as Eventbrite and “through email, telephone calls and text messages,” according to KPMG’s cybersecurity services principal David Nides. Fake invoices, “in which a scammer infiltrates or spoofs legitimate email accounts to redirect money,” are “one of the most financially damaging online crimes,” according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” Additional dangers to be on the lookout for are fake email requests and fake job listings.

**Pennsylvania Transportation Agency Hard Drive Remains Missing After Months.**

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/15, Madej) reports, “When a cybersecurity expert” aiding Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) in its response to an August ransomware attack went to retrieve a hard drive deemed to have ‘vital information’ pertaining to the investigation, he discovered that someone had been there before him.” However, “There was no hard drive to be found,” and it is still missing. SEPTA’s Office of Inspector General Summary Investigative Report from October “makes no conclusion as to why it happened, or who did it.” The IG’s office “categories the incident as alleged computer theft and raises serious security concerns – so far unanswered – about basic surveillance details like who else was in the building during the time of the removal.” SEPTA is also “grappling with the ongoing saga of a ransomware attack over the summer that involved the FBI, left employees without access to email and files, as well as riders without real-time travel information.”

**Expert: Far Right Extremist Groups Should Be “Treated Like ISIS, Effectively.”**

In a video on CNN (1/17, 89.21M), “Computer scientist Alex Stamos and former DHS official Chris Krebs speak to CNN’s Brian Stelter about how extremist groups should be monitored on social media and online platforms.” Stamos argues there is a small group of organized actors who intend to do violence online, and they should be treated as separately from aggrieved supporters of President Trump. Stamos adds that groups like the Three Percenters and Proud Boys “will be given outsized influence and their messages will be amplified over and over again, because their messages are extremely scary.” Krebs said a challenge is that the Trump Administration has not “done enough to really study and understand and consider this challenge.”

**Sen. Warner Planning Hearings To Address SolarWinds Hack, To Push For Changes.**

The Washington Post (1/15, Riley, 10.52M) reports, “Incoming Senate Intelligence Chair Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) says Congress will consider whether to require companies – or even government agencies – to disclose when they have been breached.” Warner is “planning hearings so members can grapple with the ‘thorny questions’ raised by the sweeping Russian hacking campaign.” The SolarWinds hack, which “could have gone unnoticed for months longer if cybersecurity firm FireEye hadn’t voluntarily disclosed its breach,” could “finally be the push Congress needs to legislate
change.” Warner said, “I’m not sure that simply better cyber hygiene would protect us.” The Post adds, “A National Bureau of Cybersecurity Statistics, recommended by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, could also serve as a mechanism to mandate breach reporting, says Trey Herr, director at the Atlantic Council’s Cyber Statecraft Initiative.”

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

**Pandemic, Protests Led To Record Gun Sales In 2020.**

The Washington Post (1/18, Fisher, Berman, Spolar, 10.52M) report “gun sales typically soar in the weeks following the election of a Democratic president...but a Washington Post analysis of gun sales in 2020 finds no such surge in recent weeks.” Rather, purchases soared in March and April as the pandemic surged and then again “in July, in the weeks after massive protests against police brutality spread throughout the nation.” While sales continued at a high rate in November and December, “the numbers didn’t come close to spikes seen earlier in the year.” Overall, 2020 gun sales (23 million) represents a 64% increase over 2019 sales.

**Cleveland Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Opens New Facility.**

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/18, Bednar, 1.22M) reports the Cleveland Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) recently “opened a new facility for federal investigators, police, and state and federal prosecutors to share resources and create a combined effort to investigate crime.” The DEA and the FBI are among the organizations that “will combine their resources within the new” facility.

**Administration Executes Higgs For Role In Triple Murder.**

The New York Times (1/16, Fuchs, 20.6M) reports the Administration “executed Dustin J. Higgs early Saturday for his part in a triple murder in 1996, marking the 13th and final scheduled federal execution under President Trump.” Higgs "could be the last person put to death by the federal government for some time," as Joe Biden "has said he is opposed to the death penalty and has pledged that he would work to pass legislation ending capital punishment at the federal level.”

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**DOJ “Deeply Disappointed” By Mexico’s Cienfuegos Decision.**

Reuters (1/16, Hosenball, Esposito) reported that an unidentified US Department of Justice (DOJ) spokesperson said the DOJ is “deeply disappointed” that the Mexican government has decided not to pursue a drug case against former Mexican Defense Minister Salvador Cienfuegos. Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador “publicly backed” that decision on Friday, according to the Reuters article, which highlighted a comment made by “John Ackerman, a doctor in constitutional law at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and vocal supporter of” López Obrador. Ackerman stated, “I will never defend Cienfuegos,” but “the DEA’s ‘evidence’ is frankly a joke.” In their coverage of this story, Bloomberg (1/16, 3.57M) and the Wall Street Journal (1/17, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) highlighted the DEA’s involvement with the drug case that was brought against Cienfuegos in the US. The Hill (1/16, Castrounuvo, 5.69M) and the NPR (1/15, Katkov, 3.69M) website did not mention the DEA in their coverage of the DOJ’s reaction to Mexico’s Cienfuegos decision. In a separate article that did not mention the DEA, Reuters (1/15, Hosenball) reported that DOJ spokesperson Nicole Navas Oxman said the US “reserves the right to recommence its prosecution of Cienfuegos if the” Mexican government “fails to do so.”

Mexican President Accuses DEA Of Fabricating Cienfuegos Case Accusations. The AP (1/15, Sherman, Stevenson) reported that Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador "said...the US Drug Enforcement Administration had 'fabricated' drug trafficking accusations" in a case that involved former Mexican Defense Minister Salvador Cienfuegos. On Friday, López Obrador “said...that Mexican prosecutors had dropped the case because the evidence shared by the United States had no value to prove” that Cienfuegos committed any crime. López Obrador’s
WhatsApp Delays Update After Backlash Over Privacy Policy.

The Wall Street Journal (1/15, A1, Herrera, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reported that WhatsApp decided to delay an update that generated backlash from users over its privacy policy and whether it would share user data with parent Facebook.

Reuters (1/15) reported that “WhatsApp on Friday said it would delay the new policy launch to May from February” and said in a statement, "This update does not expand our ability to share data with Facebook."

Among other outlets reporting the story were the New York Times (1/15, 20.6M), TechCrunch (1/15, Singh, 502K), and Adweek (1/15, Cohen, 159K).

Trump Expected To Issue “Around 100 Pardons And Commutations” Tuesday.

On the CBS Weekend News (1/17, story 3, 0:30, 1.3M), Jericka Duncan asked, “With just two full days left in office, are we still expecting more pardons or commutations from President Trump?” CBS’ Ben Tracy answered, “We are. Sources close to President Trump say a final batch of pardons is still coming. The big question is who is going to get one. The President might pardon his former political adviser Steve Bannon, who is now charged with mail fraud and money laundering. There is also the possibility that the President could try to preemptively pardon some of his adult children, or even himself.”

CNN (1/17, Diamond, Liptak, Gangel, Brown, 89.21M) reports on its website that Trump “is preparing to issue around 100 pardons and commutations on his final full day in office Tuesday, according to three people familiar with the matter.” The “final batch of clemency actions is expected to include a mix of criminal justice reform-minded pardons and more controversial ones secured or doled out to political allies.” CNN adds that Julian Assange is “not currently believed to among the people receiving pardons,” and it is “not certain whether [Bannon] will receive a pardon.”

The New York Times (1/17, 20.6M) reports that “a lucrative market for pardons is coming to a head, with some of his allies collecting fees from wealthy felons or their associates to push the White House for clemency, according to documents and interviews.” The Times says that “reflects the access peddling that has defined Mr. Trump’s presidency.” Axios (1/17, 1.26M) reports, “A flood of convicted criminals has retained lobbyists since November’s presidential election to press President Trump for pardons or commutations before he leaves office.”

FBI Agent Wounded By Dog During Warrant Execution In New York.

WABC-TV New York (1/16, 351K) reports that an unidentified FBI agent “was bitten in the arm by a dog while executing a search warrant in the Bronx.”

FBI Investigating Ohio’s Bailout Of Nuclear Power Plant.

The AP (1/1) reports that the FBI has opened an investigation into Ohio’s bailout of FirstEnergy Corp. Ohio lawmakers awarded the company a $1 billion bailout.

Mossimo Giannulli Requests Early Release Following Solitary Confinement.

The Orange County (CA) Register (1/15, 594K) reports that attorneys for Mossimo Giannulli, who...
was sentenced in connection to bribery, “have put forward an argument for him to be released from federal prison early” because he “has suffered ‘significant’ mental and physical harm from being held for eight weeks in solitary confinement because of a COVID-19 outbreak at the facility.”

**Former Afghan Police Officer Released From Prison Despite FBI Opposition.**

The New York Times (1/15, Gibbons-Neff, Barnes, Goldman, 20.6M) reports former Afghan police officer Nargis Mohammad Hasan, who “shot and killed an American civilian adviser on Dec. 24, 2012,” was released from prison last summer as part of the US-Taliban peace deal. State Department negotiators reportedly “dismissed the F.B.I. and diplomats’ opposition to her release.”

**Trump Planning Joint Base Andrews Farewell Ceremony Wednesday Morning.**

Norah O’Donnell reported on the ABC Evening News (1/18, story 4, 1:45, 4.42M), “On this day of national service, we did not see President Trump at all. Instead, with just hours left in his term tonight, President Trump is mulling over how many pardons he should issue and who should get them, and it could be a long list.” Jonathan Karl reported on ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:29, Muir, 7.64M) that Trump is “planning a farewell ceremony for himself at Joint Base Andrews, with great military fanfare. Then he’ll board Air Force One for the last time and head to Mar-a-Lago, where moving trucks were spotted today. Before he goes, Trump is expected to announce about 100 pardons.”

Kristen Welker reported on NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 5, 1:55, Holt, 6.27M), “With just two days left in office, President Trump is behind closed doors, out of sight for nearly a week — poised to issue dozens of pardons in his final hours. ... The President is also planning for what will likely be a red carpet send-off celebration Wednesday morning, including a color guard, military band, and even a 21-gun salute.”

Kaitlan Collins reported on CNN (1/18, 1.26M), “Instead of the President being seated in the front row on Wednesday at Biden’s inauguration, he is planning to leave Washington earlier that morning. But first, he wants the sendoff ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, where basically he is expecting the military to be there, the red carpet to be rolled out. But he also wants something he often craves: that adoring crowd bidding him goodbye. So, the White House has started sending invitations to former Administration officials, friends of the President’s, some of his political allies here in Washington, inviting them, telling them they can bring up to five guests per invitation to come to Joint Base Andrews.”

Newweek (1/18, 2.67M) reports Trump will leave the White House early Wednesday morning. Invitations for the Joint Base Andrews event, “scheduled for 8 a.m. on Wednesday, have been sent to supporters of Trump as well as former administration officials, Bloomberg News reported. ... Trump is eschewing the tradition of presidents attending their successor’s inauguration ceremony and will instead be at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida when Biden is sworn in as the nation’s 46th president” at noon. ABC News (1/18, 2.44M) reports on its website, “While Trump’s sendoff is expected to have extra flourishes, it’s not uncommon for an outgoing president to have a final departure ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, although it usually takes place after the outgoing president has departed the inauguration ceremony for their successor.”

The Guardian (UK) (1/18, 5.53M) reports, “For his last presidential ceremony, Trump reportedly wants an ostentatious military parade and an official armed forces farewell as the commander-in-chief. ... But latest reports indicate that Trump, who is facing an impeachment trial in the Senate and a number of criminal and civil investigations, will not be afforded a big military sendoff just two weeks after a deadly insurrection at the US Capitol that followed his exhorting supporters to fight to overturn the election.” The Hill (1/18, Samuels, 5.69M) reports, “Past presidents have typically gone on a public messaging tour to shape the discussion about their legacy, policy accomplishments and time in office. But Trump’s last few weeks have been defined by one catastrophe after another, culminating in his becoming the first president to ever be...”
The AP (1/18, Weissert) reports every president to leave office since Ronald Reagan in 1989 has left a note for his successor, but "the 32-year tradition is in peril this year." Trump "has refused to accept the results of November's election and vowed not to attend Joe Biden's inauguration on Wednesday. That makes it doubtful Trump will leave behind any handwritten, friendly advice for Biden."

Reuters (1/18, Mason) writes, "Trump never hid how he felt. His words and body language made his thoughts clear. ... Like no U.S. president has done before, he made himself the center of attention, the star of a literal reality show that was his administration, always with an eye for the camera, a flair for the dramatic, an instinct for the outrageous. His supporters loved it. His opponents hated it. Regardless, nearly everyone tuned in."

The Washington Post (1/18, Nakamura, 10.52M) writes, "Trump's four years in office come to a close Wednesday after a reign defined by constant chaos, corruption and scandal, a tenure that numerous scholars predict is destined to rank him among America's worst presidents. Trump's claims of policy victories - including a raft of conservative judges and steps toward Middle East peace - will be vastly overshadowed by his mismanagement of the pandemic and his unprecedented assault on the U.S. election results, they said."

Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports Trump's approval rating "dropped to 34% in a Gallup poll released Monday, the low point of a presidency that already had the weakest average approval rating of any of his predecessors since the survey began in the 1940s. ... Trump's final approval rating of 34% is the same received by Presidents George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter in their final Gallup polls." Barack Obama "left office with a 95% approval rating."

First Lady Releases Video Farewell Message. On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 2, 3:20, Muir, 7.64M), Karl reported, "While President Trump was once again nowhere to be seen, First Lady Melania Trump today offered her farewell message to the nation. ... In the pre-recorded video, she seemed to allude to the attack on the US Capitol by supporters of her husband." Melania Trump: "Be passionate in everything you do, but always remember that violence is never the answer. And will never be justified. Use every opportunity to show consideration for another person." Karl: "But Mrs. Trump will be the first First Lady in modern history not to invite her successor to the White House before the Inauguration, denying a courtesy to Dr. Jill Biden that Michelle Obama extended to her."

USA Today (1/18, Hernández, 12.7M) reports, "The nearly seven-minute message...began with the first lady expressing her gratitude for military service members, law enforcement and caregivers - all of whom have inspired her since she entered the White House in 2017. "She transitioned to talk at large about the pandemic and its impact on the nation, thanking essential workers such as health care professionals and truck drivers for their roles in saving lives." The New York Times (1/18, Rogers, 20.6M) says her "last message as first lady was like so many that have come before: It was completely at odds with the behavior of her husband."

The New York Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.45M) reports she "does not directly mention the Capitol attack" in the video, "but asks viewers to be peaceful while broadly condemning violence." Fox News (1/18, Barrabi, 23.99M) reports on its website that she "spoke at length about the coronavirus pandemic, thanking health care workers for their efforts to combat the deadly virus. She called on Americans to use caution and common sense to protect the vulnerable as millions of vaccines are now being delivered."

The Washington Post (1/18, Jordan, 10.52M) reports that several people "who have been in touch" with the First Lady "said she is aware of the intense criticism both she and her husband have gotten since the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot, but that unlike her spouse she appears completely unfazed. They said she would have been happy to attend" the inauguration, "as every outgoing president and first lady have for the past 152 years. But rather than dwell on what could have been, she focuses on what she has control over: choreographing her own exit, trying to cement her legacy as a first lady who devoted much time to renovations of the White House, and making plans to continue her 'Be Best' initiative."

On the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 4, 1:45, O'Donnell, 4.42M), Paula Reid reported, "In a break with tradition, the First Lady did not invite Dr. Jill Biden here to the White House."
Trump Not Expected To Pardon Himself Or Family Members. Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports White House officials do not expect President Trump “to pardon himself, family members or close aides, but clemency is in the works for a famous rapper and others, according to people familiar with the matter.” The President “is expected to announce a list of pardons on Tuesday – his final full day in office – and had discussed with aides the possibility of blanket pardoning himself, in anticipation he might later be charged with federal crimes. Trump has previously claimed such power, though it’s a matter of legal dispute and has never before been attempted by a president.” Jim Acosta said on CNN (1/18, 1.32M), “The likelihood that he will pardon his adult children…is going down. But…with this President, you don’t take anything to the bank until he’s done with being President of the United States and so before he leaves power, I suppose anything is possible.”

The Washington Post (1/17, Leonnig, Dawsey, Helderman, 10.52M) reports, “Neither Trump nor his children have been charged with crimes, and they are not known to be under federal investigation. But the question of a presidential self-pardon has become more urgent and controversial since the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol by Trump’s supporters. Some aides say Trump could face criminal liability for inciting the crowd.”

USA Today (1/18, 12.7M) reports Trump “will put out a final list of pardons sometime before his term expires at noon Wednesday, said two advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity because the list is not yet public.” The New York Times (1/18, Haberman, Vogel, Rubinstein, 20.6M) reports, “Those under consideration for pardons or clemency “include such disparate figures as Sheldon Silver, the disgraced former New York Assembly speaker, and the rapper Lil Wayne.” Rudy Giuliani “says he does not expect one, and Stephen K. Bannon’s chances seem to have dimmed. Mixed in among the big names, low-level drug offenders are under consideration.”

Reuters (1/18) reports Lil Wayne, who “appeared to support Trump during last year’s presidential campaign when he tweeted a photo of himself with the president and said he backed Trump’s criminal justice reform program,” pleaded guilty in December “to possessing a loaded, gold-plated handgun when his chartered jet landed in Miami in December 2019. He faces a sentence of up to 10 years in prison” at a hearing next week in Miami.

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Baillieu, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Trump is also said to be considering pardoning his ex-fundraiser Elliott Broidy, who in October pleaded guilty to illegally lobbying the Administration. The New York Post (1/18, Nelson, 7.45M) reports, “Also expected to receive clemency are lesser-known people serving long prison sentences” under a drug law crafted by then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) in 1994. At least two men “serving life in prison for marijuana dealing under the Biden law’s three-strikes provision, paraplegic Michael Pelletier, 64, and Corvan Cooper, 41, asked Trump to release them.” NJ News (1/18, 1.47M) reports Trump is also “eyeing clemency for Dr. Salomon Melgen, the currently imprisoned Florida ophthalmologist who was tied to Sen. Robert Menendez’s corruption case,” and the Baltimore Sun (1/18, Fenton, 529K) reports “convicted former Baltimore Mayor Catherine E. Pugh is among those seeking clemency” from Trump.

Giuliani Reportedly Not Part Of Trump’s Impeachment Defense Team.

The New York Times (1/18, Haberman, 20.6M) reports that a “person close to” President Trump indicated on Monday that Rudy Giuliani “will not be taking part in the president’s defense in the Senate trial for his second impeachment.” According to the Times, Trump and Giuliani met on Saturday night at the White House, “and the next day the president began telling people that Mr. Giuliani was not going to be part of the team.” The Times adds, “It is unclear who will be a defense lawyer for Mr. Trump, given that many attorneys have privately said they won’t represent him.”

The New York Times (1/18, Cochrane, Thrush, 20.6M) also reports that “it remains unclear” when House Speaker Pelosi will “formally send to the Senate the article of impeachment charging President Trump with ‘incitement of insurrection.’ “ According to the Times, “Once the House sends
The New York Post (1/18, Steinbuch, 7.45M) reports Giuliani said he will not represent Trump due to his involvement in the “Save America Rally” in which he called for a “trial by combat.” He said, “Because I gave an earlier speech [at the rally], I am a witness and therefore unable to participate in court or in the Senate chamber.” The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports Giuliani previously said “he was working on Trump’s impeachment defense.” Meanwhile, no announcements have been made on who will represent Trump.

**Trump Order Establishes “Garden Of American Heroes.”**

The Washington Post (1/18, Wagner, Wang, 10.52M) reports that on Monday, President Trump “issued several last-minute executive orders,” including one that “seeks to establish a new ‘Garden of American Heroes,’ with statues of dozens of figures from U.S. history.” According to the Post, the “eclectic list of proposed statues includes jazz legend Louis Armstrong, poet Emily Dickinson, explorer and colonizer Christopher Columbus, NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and political theorist Hannah Arendt.”

Fox News (1/18, Dorman, 23.99M) reports on its website that the order establishing the garden read, “In short, each individual has been chosen for embodying the American spirit of daring and defiance, excellence and adventure, courage and confidence, loyalty and love.” Trump said, “Across this Nation, belief in the greatness and goodness of America has come under attack in recent months and years by a dangerous anti-American extremism that seeks to dismantle our country’s history, institutions, and very identity. ... The National Garden is America’s answer to this reckless attempt to erase our heroes, values, and entire way of life.”

The New York Daily News (1/18, Sommerfeldt, 2.51M) reports that the garden is slated to include a statue of Woody Guthrie, “even though the late folk music icon wrote a seething song decades ago about [Trump’s] dad’s allegedly racist business practices in New York City.” Deana McCloud, the Executive Director of the Woody Guthrie Center, “said Guthrie likely would have wanted nothing to do with a Trump-style sculpture garden if he were still alive.”

NPR (1/18, Sprunt, 3.69M) reports on its website that the Monday order built “on an earlier executive order he signed in July, touting his plans for the garden.” However, with just two days left before he leaves office, “the venture is highly unlikely to ever be realized.” Forbes (1/18, Solender, 10.33M) reports that the garden is slated to include “left-wing icons” as well as “a number of prominent modern conservative figures” but “what defines the list more than anything else is its randomness.”

**McConnell And Schumer Close To Senate Power-Sharing Agreement.**

CNN (1/18, 89.21M) reports on its website that Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Schumer are nearing a power-sharing agreement, “with Democrats in charge of setting the schedule but both parties likely to hold an equal number of seats on Senate committees.” The arrangement is based on “the last time the body was split 50-50: When George W. Bush initially became president in 2001.” Meanwhile, final details are still being sorted out between the leaders. Schumer will also “be granted the title of majority leader since Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will cast tiebreaking votes on the floor.”

**Gillibrand Crafting Legislation Extending Civil Rights Act Protections To Troops.**

Alabama (1/18) reports that Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) is working on “legislation giving U.S. troops the same legal protections against discrimination as civilian employees.” She said, “Disturbing new data shows that our service members are suffering due to a lack of meaningful civil rights protections, while their civilian colleagues in the Department of Defense and across the government enjoy robust rights enshrined in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.” It’s unclear what prospects such a legislative push would face and Gillibrand hasn’t provided details on timing or potential Senate co-sponsors.

**Biden To Sign A Number Of Executive Orders As Soon As He Takes Office.**
Jessica Dean reported on CNN (1/18, 1.01M) Monday morning that Joe Biden is expected “to sign a number of executive orders as soon as he assumes office. A lot of these are campaign trail promises that we heard him talk about again and again on the campaign trail that he now wants to make good on and were confirmed from his incoming Chief of Staff Ron Klain.”

The New York Times (1/18, Shear, Baker, 20.6M) says Biden’s orders will include “rescinding the travel ban on several predominantly Muslim countries; rejoining the Paris climate change accord; extending pandemic-related limits on evictions and student loan payments; issuing a mask mandate for federal property and interstate travel; and ordering agencies to figure out how to reunite children separated from their families after crossing the border.” In addition, Biden “also plans to send sweeping immigration legislation on his first day in office, providing a pathway to citizenship for 11 million people” living in the country without authorization.

Biden Expected To Cancel Keystone XL Pipeline. The Washington Post (1/18, Mufson, Eilperin, 10.52M) reports that Biden “is planning to move within days to quash the controversial multibillion-dollar Keystone XL pipeline.” The “politically symbolic pipeline” has “drawn opposition because it would carry tar sands, or heavy bitumen, from the boreal forests of northern Alberta, Canada, to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.” The Post says President Trump has “worked doggedly to promote Keystone XL and other pipelines across the country, but encountered obstacles both in court and in the private sector.” The New York Times (1/18, Shear, Davenport, 20.6M) says Biden is expected to “cancel” the pipeline “on his first day in office.”

Reuters (1/18) reports that news of Biden’s plans “prompted Canada’s main oil-producing province of Alberta on Monday to threaten to seek damages as Ottawa made efforts to save the troubled project.” Alberta Premier Jason Kenney urged Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau “to reach out to the incoming Biden administration in the next 48 hours.” Kenney told a news conference, “This is the 11th hour and if this really is the top priority, as it should be, then we need the government of Canada to stand up for Canadian workers, for Canadian jobs, for the Canadian-US relationship, right now.” The AP (1/18, Gillies) says Trudeau “raised Keystone XL as a top priority when he spoke with...Biden in a phone call in November.”

Biden Team: Hopeful His Climate Plan Will Pass Democrat-Led Senate. The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Puko, Duehren, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports Joe Biden’s advisers wrote his climate plan with the Senate in mind. While the chamber has been hesitant to tackle climate issues, there is hope that Democrats taking control will increase the prospects that infrastructure spending for cleaner energy can pass. The Journal adds that while Democrats’ narrow majority, which will require Kamala Harris to break any ties, will limit the scope of any such legislation, Biden’s team has crafted some of its proposals for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions to benefit car makers, oil and gas companies, and utilities, which may win the moderate Democrat and Republican votes needed to pass the Senate.

US COVID Death Toll Approaches 400K.
The AP (1/18, Crary) reports deaths from COVID “are rising in nearly two-thirds of American states as a winter surge pushes the overall toll toward 400,000 amid warnings that a new, highly contagious variant is taking hold.” The AP adds, “The seven-day rolling average of daily deaths is rising in 30 states and the District of Columbia, and on Monday the U.S. death toll surpassed 398,000, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University – by far the highest recorded death toll of any country in the world.”

On NBC Nightly News” (1/18, story 3, 1:50, Holt, 6.27M), Miguel Almaguer reported that as the US “surpasses 24 million cases and closes in on 400,000 deaths, authorities in cities like Los Angeles and New York say while hospitalizations are stabilizing, they now face another growing concern. Tonight, the highly contagious mutant variant of the virus has been detected in nearly 20 states.” The Washington Post (1/18, Nirappil, 10.52M) reports that the L452R variant “first identified in Denmark has ripped through Northern California – including outbreaks at nursing homes, jails and a hospital in the San Jose area – prompting state and local officials to investigate whether it may be more transmissible.” The Post adds that California officials on Sunday announced the presence of the variant “after genetic monitoring linked it to a fast-growing share of new cases, as well as to the outbreaks in Santa Clara county, which includes San Jose.”
On the CBS Evening News (1/18, story 5, 2:10, O'Donnell, 4.42M), Jamie Yuccas said California "leads the world in coronavirus cases, with more than three million residents infected," and the AP (1/18, Jablon) reports that California's caseload is "far ahead of other large states," as Texas "had more than 2 million and Florida topped 1.5 million." In addition, the New York Times (1/18, Tompkins, Zimmer, 20.6M) reports Los Angeles County "may face even more dire weeks ahead," as "hospitals have run out of room in intensive care units, though new cases and hospitalizations appear to be leveling off in recent days."

On ABC World News Tonight (1/18, story 4, 2:20, Muir, 7.32M), Steve Osunsami said, "This week now marks a whole year since COVID-19 first appeared in this country, when the President was saying the disease would be handled." President Trump: "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control, it's going to be just fine." However, Osunsami added, "The new numbers tonight aren't fine. The number of Americans killed by the coronavirus is now nearly 400,000. And the CDC warns that another 100,000 could die in the next month." The New York Times (1/18, Thrush, Cameron, 20.6M) says "the situation has turned dire just as the Trump administration, in its final days, begins to see the fruits of perhaps its biggest coronavirus success, the Operation Warp Speed vaccine program. But already, a lack of federal coordination in distributing doses has emerged as a troubling roadblock."

Padilla's Neighborhood "Has Some Of The Highest COVID Rates." On NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 7, 1:40, 6.27M), Lester Holt reported that Alex Padilla (D), who will become senator from California this week, "faces a daunting task. The L.A. neighborhood where he was raised has some of the highest COVID rates." NBC's Jacob Soboroff added, "In affluent Brentwood, where Vice President-elect Harris has a home, COVID cases at the beginning of January averaged 601 for every 100,000 people. In Pacoima, that number was five times as high. Many people here can't work from home, so they get infected at their workplaces bringing the virus to their families."

Azar Defends Vaccine Rollout.

HHS Secretary Azar said on Fox News' America's Newsroom (1/18, 896K), "We have now made available close to 50 million doses of unbelievably effective vaccine to the governors to get out there. Over 31 million doses have been distributed. Fourteen million have been, as of Friday, actually administered. There was always going to be a ramp-up here." Azar added, "This is a concerted effort by the new team to down talk where things are so they can look like heroes when they come in and just carry forward the momentum that we have established."

However, Stephanie Gosk reported on NBC Nightly News (1/18, story 4, 2:05, Holt, 6.27M) that the vaccines have been "rolling out in fits and starts, and frustrations." Gosk added states are confronting "not enough appointments or supplies." Gosk added Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D) "is critical of the federal distribution," and on Monday "announced a new partnership with private businesses, including coffee giant Starbucks, to help with logistics." According to Gosk, "Other companies are pitching in as well. Microsoft is offering data expertise, and Kaiser Permanente is helping with healthcare. A model that may be a blueprint."

In addition, USA Today (1/18, Weintraub, Weise, 12.7M) reports that its "panel of vaccine experts" is "nearly unanimous in condemning the messy COVID-19 vaccine distribution rollout so far," but "expects the operation will improve under the Biden administration."

California Epidemiologist Warns Against Using Moderna COVID Batch Following Allergic Reactions. The Los Angeles Times (1/18, Nelson, 3.37M) reports California state epidemiologist Erica Pan on Sunday "told healthcare providers...to stop using a batch of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine after a 'higher than usual' number of people had apparent allergic reactions at a San Diego vaccination clinic. " Pan said...that 'out of an extreme abundance of caution,' providers should stop using the doses until federal, state and company officials finish an investigation."

The San Francisco Chronicle (1/18, Ho, 2.44M) reports "more than 330,000 doses" from the batch or lot that resulted in the allergic reactions "were sent to 287 providers" across the state. However, the New York Times (1/18, Mervosh, 20.6M) says Pan's recommendation "comes at a dire moment in California, which is experiencing one of the most acute outbreaks in the nation."
About 40,060 people are testing positive each day – the equivalent of the daily caseload for the entire United States as recently as September – and California’s hospital beds are filling up.

**Cuomo Inquires About Buying Vaccines Doses Directly From Pfizer.** Bloomberg (1/18, Sherman, 3.57M) reports that on Monday, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) “said he asked Pfizer Inc. if the state could buy vaccines directly from the company because the U.S. government has failed to increase supply.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “expanded eligibility to more than 7 million New Yorkers from 5 million ‘practically overnight,’ Cuomo said Monday in a letter to Pfizer Chief Executive Officer Albert Bourla. At the same time, the CDC hasn’t increased – and in some cases reduced – the supply to states. New York will get 250,000 doses this week, 50,000 fewer than last week.”

The New York Daily News (1/18, Slattery, 2.51M) reports Cuomo “has repeatedly fumed in recent days over the federal government’s decision to expand the number of people eligible for immunization – without increasing the supply of doses to states.” However, Pfizer told Reuters (1/18, Singh) that Cuomo’s proposal would first require approval by HHS. The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Carlton, West, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) provides similar coverage.

**Organizations That Questioned Vaccine Safety Received PPP Loans.**

The New York Times (1/18, Cowley, 20.6M) reports that the Paycheck Protection Program is facing criticism “for giving loans to organizations that have challenged the safety of vaccines.” According to SSA data released “under a court order, in response to a lawsuit filed by The New York Times and other news organizations,” six organizations “that have made claims scientists have called false received Paycheck Protection Program loans totaling more than $1.1 million.” The Washington Post (1/18, Dwoskin, Gregg, 10.52M) provides similar coverage.

**Tennessee Governor Criticized Over Coronavirus Response.**

The AP (1/18, Kruesi) reports Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee (R) is facing criticism over a coronavirus response that “has dismayed critics who say the state’s situation would not be so dire if he had placed more faith in the government’s role in keeping people safe – criticism he pushes back against as he keeps businesses open.” Lee “has rejected claims he hasn’t done enough, countering that he aggressively pushed for more expansive COVID-19 testing throughout the state during the early stages of the pandemic and arguing that sweeping mask requirements have become too political to become effective.” Lee is also “quick to point out the state’s swift COVID-19 vaccine rollout, praising Tennessee for being among the country’s leaders in distributing the immunizations.”

**Minnesota GOP Lawmaker’s Death Sparks Criticism Of State GOP.**

The New York Times (1/18, Gabriel, 20.6M) reports Republicans in the Minnesota state Senate “were feeling jubilant after the November election” so they held a party on November 5, “but there was little mask wearing over hours of dining and drinking, at a moment when a long-predicted surge in coronavirus infections was gripping the state.” The Times adds at least four state senators in attendance “tested positive for the coronavirus in the days afterward,” including state Sen. Jerry Relph, who died on December 18, prompting criticism of state GOP leaders from his daughter.

**Trump Administration Releases 1776 Commission Report.**

The New York Times (1/18, Crowley, 20.6M) reports the Trump Administration has released the report of the 1776 Commission, which the Times calls an “attack on liberal thought and activism that calls for a ‘patriotic education,’ defends America’s founding on the basis of slavery and likens progressivism to fascism.” In September, President Trump formed the commission, “saying that American heritage was under assault...and that the nation’s schools required a new ‘pro-American’ curriculum.” The Times says the report is “in part a rebuke to The New York Times Magazine’s 1619 Project, which reframes American history around the consequences of slavery and the contributions of Black Americans.”

**Census Bureau Director To Resign After Critical IG Report.**
Hicism over efforts to produce citizenship data to comply with an order from President Trump, Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham said he plans to resign Wednesday with the change in presidential administrations even though his term was supposed to be finished at the end of the year. Dillingham “said he had been considering retiring earlier, but he had been persuaded at the time to stick around.” He said, “Let me make it clear that under other circumstances I would be honored to serve President-elect Biden just as I served the past five presidents.” A Census Bureau spokesman “said the agency’s chief operating officer, Ron Jarmin, will assume the director’s duties.”

Reuters (1/18, Psaledakis, Shepardson) reports the resignation follows a “memo from the Commerce Department’s Office of Inspector General raising questions about whether he was pushing bureau employees to finalize a technical report on the number of undocumented immigrants in the United States before Biden took office.” Afterward, Dillingham said in a letter he directed “those involved should ‘stand down’ and discontinue their data reviews.” Bloomberg (1/18, 3.57M) reports Dillingham said that he expects Biden will have “complete confidence” in the census when it’s complete. He added: “We have just seen how late changes and directives, competing and divisive political campaigns, and a divided electorate can negatively impact public trust and perceptions.”

The New York Times (1/18, Wines, 20.6M) reports that Dillingham’s work on the census “was often overshadowed by the Trump administration’s yearslong effort to use the bureau’s population tallies to change the rules for reapportioning the House of Representatives, drawing political districts nationwide, largely to the benefit of Republicans.”

Politico (1/18, Montellaro, 6.73M) reports several key Democratic lawmakers have said “that Dillingham should resign, or be removed from his post” by Biden. The Hill (1/18, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports that House Oversight and Reform Chair Carolyn Maloney “called on Dillingham to resign in a statement released Friday, saying she no longer had faith that he can lead the Bureau to produce a fair, accurate, and complete 2020 Census count as required by the Constitution.”

Roll Call (1/18, Macagnone, 130K) reports that “the agency still has not finished tabulating the results of the count, and the Justice Department has said it will take until at least March to finish.”

Pelosi Calls On Miller To Block Appointment Of NSA Attorney.
The Washington Post (1/18, Wagner, Wang, 10.52M) reports that House Speaker Pelosi has “demanded” that Acting Defense Secretary Miller “immediately halt efforts to install Michael Ellis, a former GOP operative, as the lead lawyer for the National Security Agency.” In a letter to Miller, Pelosi “questioned the timing of the move to place Ellis as the NSA’s general counsel, within 72 hours of the Biden-Harris administration taking over, as an attempt to ‘burrow’ a Trump loyalist into a highly sensitive intelligence position.” The Post says Pelosi “also accused Ellis of having been selected over much more qualified candidates and of having been involved in ‘disqualifying’ activities, including shielding information about Trump’s July 2019 call with the president of Ukraine.”

Analyses Examine Pompeo’s Tenure At State Department, Continued Loyalty To Trump.
The New York Times (1/18, Jakes, 20.6M) reports in an analysis that Secretary of State Pompeo has been “spurned by many foreign allies, ridiculed by adversaries,” and “disliked by a significant number of his own diplomats” – but is still “trying to preserve his political future.” The Times says Pompeo “dismissed the power of persuasion, instead trying to strong-arm European leaders, taunting rulers in China and Iran, and working to keep dictators off-balance, including negotiating with the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un but not President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela.” The Times adds that “according to foreign policy analysts and a large cohort” within the State Department, “by rejecting the traditional role of predictable diplomacy and mirroring President Trump’s own style, Mr. Pompeo’s strategy backfired.” Indeed, the Times claims that Pompeo “has been tagged by a number of officials and analysts with the dubious distinction of the worst secretary of state in American history.”

In its own analysis, the Washington Post (1/18, Hudson, 10.52M) reports that even after the...
assaults on the Capitol, Pompeo has continued “heaping praise on Trump and his presidency, saying it has made the United States ‘so much safer today than four years ago’ and has served as a role model to other nations because of the ‘values we project out into the world.’” Independent observers say “the remarks are wildly tone-deaf and reinforce Pompeo’s status as one of the most partisan secretaries of state in modern U.S. history.” Meanwhile, to Republican political observers, Pompeo’s unflinching promotion of Trump “is part of a careful balancing act designed to lay future claim to Trump’s large and loyal political base while retaining credibility among the GOP establishment.” The Post says this is in service of Pompeo’s presidential ambitions.

Guatemalan Officials Break Up Migrant Caravan.
The AP (1/18, Sebastian) reports that Guatemalan police and soldiers have broken up a group this year’s first migrant caravan that “spent two nights stuck at a roadblock on a rural highway.” Joe Biden’s inauguration promise to take a different approach to immigration has created some hope in Central America “even though immediate changes at the U.S. border are not expected.” Meanwhile, Guatemala’s immigration authorities said “another group of about 800 migrants had been located about 25 miles...farther north along the highway” and have also been blocked from advancing. Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Monday that he hopes to “hear Biden address immigration in his inauguration speech Wednesday.”

Fox News (1/18, Aitken, 23.99M) reports on its website that an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 migrants who have entered Guatemala over the weekend. Fox News says “many believe that the group has been spurred on by Biden’s rhetoric, by which he has promised to end President Donald Trump’s more strict immigration policies.” However, on Sunday, an unnamed Biden transition official said migrants hoping to claim asylum during the first few weeks of the new administration “need to understand they’re not going to be able to come into the United States immediately.” The official said that while “there’s help on the way,” now “is not the time to make the journey.”

Acting C&P Commissioner Morgan said on Fox News’ Prime Time (1/18, 23.99M), “For over a year, the Biden Administration, the campaign, has been very, very clear that they are going to undo everything that President Trump, did and basically open the borders. Look, the migrants, the cartels and human smuggling organizations, they listen. So, we anticipated this. We predicted exactly what has happened.”

Acting DHS Deputy Secretary Ken Cuccinelli said on Fox News’ Hannity (1/18, 535K), “This isn’t a surprise or a shock to anyone. While I don’t like it or appreciate it or think it’s consistent with the law, it’s not like Joe Biden snuck up on anybody with this, right? I mean, this is what he said he was going to do.”

Biden To Propose Path To Citizenship On First Day In Office.
The AP (1/18, Mascaro, Barrow) reports that Joe Biden plans to unveil a sweeping immigration bill, providing “an eight-year path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. without legal status, a massive reversal from the Trump administration’s harsh immigration policies.” This would allow Biden to deliver on a major campaign promise “to Latino voters and other immigrant communities after four years” of President Trump’s “restrictive policies and mass deportations.” The bill is set to be introduced Wednesday.

The Washington Post (1/18, Kim, 10.52M) reports beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals “and the temporary protected status program for migrants from disaster-ravaged nations could apply for a green card immediately.” Transition officials said the bill will focus on “provisions to address the causes of migration, border management and a path to citizenship.”

Mayorkas Reportedly Objected To Separating Migrant Families In 2015.
The Washington Post (1/18, Sacchetti, Miroff, 10.52M) reports that in 2015, DHS was “bracing for another border crisis...when deputy secretary Alejandro Mayorkas convened a meeting of top officials at DHS headquarters in Northwest Washington. A federal judge had told the department it could no longer hold minors who arrive with their parents for extended periods in immigration jails,” which “meant most adults crossing the border with children could avoid detention and rapid
deportation.” According to the Post, “One official at the table, Tom Homan, proposed ‘administrative separation,’” meaning “the government would jail the parents and send their children to shelters,” but Mayorkas “shot it down.” According to the Post, that Mayorkas, who is now DHS Secretary-designate, “refused to even consider the separation policy is a measure, his supporters say, of the moral compass he would bring” to the job.

**“Conservative Publisher” To Release Hawley Book.**

The AP (1/18) reports that Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) “has found a new publisher after his book was dropped by Simon & Schuster in the wake of the siege of the U.S. Capitol by supporters” of President Trump. The "conservative publisher Regnery announced Monday that Hawley's 'The Tyranny of Big Tech' will come out this spring.” The New York Times (1/18, Gross, 20.6M) reports, "Thomas Spence, the president and publisher of Regnery, said in a statement that the publishing house was proud to stand with Mr. Hawley. 'The warning in his book about censorship obviously couldn't be more urgent,' Mr. Spence said. His company's statement said that Simon & Schuster had made Mr. Hawley a victim of cancel culture."

According to Politico (1/18, Hendel, 6.73M), "Republican wrath at the tech companies that muzzled [Trump] and his followers is hastening a big change in GOP ideology – rising support for government intervention in the marketplace of ideas.” Politico says "a growing number of leading GOP figures are calling for the government to respond by creating legal consequences for online platforms that unfairly silence their users.” USA Today (1/18, Cadden, 12.7M) and the Wall Street Journal (1/18, Trachtenberg, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) also report.

**Trump Lifting COVID International Travel Restrictions; Biden To Reverse.**

Reuters (1/18) reports that President Trump "will rescind entry bans for most non-U.S. citizens who recently were in Brazil and much of Europe starting on Jan. 26.” The restrictions are now scheduled "to end the same day that new COVID-19 test requirements take effect for all international visitors.”

The New York Times (1/18, Shear, 20.6M) reports that aides to Joe Biden said Biden "will rescind the move when he takes office on Wednesday.” Incoming White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki tweeted, "On the advice of our medical team, the administration does not intend to lift these restrictions on 1/26. In fact, we plan to strengthen public health measures around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread of Covid-19.”

**WHO's Tedros Laments Poorer Countries’ Lack Of Access To Vaccines.**

The AP (1/18, Keaten) reports that on Monday, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus "lambasted drugmakers' profits and vaccine inequalities, saying it's 'not right' that younger, healthier adults in wealthy countries get vaccinated against COVID-19 before older people or health care workers in poorer countries and charging that most vaccine makers have targeted locations where 'profits are highest.’” The AP says Tedros “kicked off the WHO’s week-long executive board meeting – virtually from its headquarters in Geneva – by lamenting that one poor country received a mere 25 vaccine doses while over 39 million doses have been administered in nearly 50 richer nations.” Tedros is quoted as saying, "Just 25 doses have been given in one lowest income country – not 25 million, not 25,000 – just 25. I need to be blunt: The world is on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure.”

The Washington Post (1/18, Schemm, Hassan, 10.52M) reports that “WHO has partnered with several vaccine makers to provide 2 billion doses to a consortium of low-income countries in an initiative dubbed Covax, but Tedros said there are concerns that the vaccines won't be delivered.” He said, “Even as they speak the language of equitable access, some countries and companies continue to prioritize bilateral deals, going around Covax, driving up prices and attempting to jump to the front of the queue.”

The New York Times (1/18, Gebrekidan, Apuzzo, 20.6M) reports a World Health Organization
panel is still conducting its investigation "but in drafting an interim report, and laying out the scope of its inquiry, the panel makes clear that the world needs to rethink its approach to outbreaks."
The report describes failures like "the 'slow, cumbersome and indecisive' pandemic alert system, to the years of preparedness plans that failed to deliver, to the disjointed and even obstructive responses of national governments." The panel also "found that countries that responded forcefully and effectively to the outbreak also fared better economically even as the global economy lost more than $7 trillion."

**US Pressures China To Allow WHO Researchers Access To Wuhan.**

Reuters (1/18) reports that on Monday, the US "called on China...to allow an expert team from the World Health Organization (WHO) to interview 'care givers, former patients and lab workers' in the central city of Wuhan, drawing a rebuke from Beijing." According to Reuters, "The team of WHO-led independent experts trying to determine the origins of the new coronavirus arrived on Jan. 14 in Wuhan where they are holding teleconferences with Chinese counterparts during a two-week quarantine before starting work on the ground." Reuters says the US, "which has accused China of hiding the extent of its initial outbreak, has called for a 'transparent' WHO-led investigation and criticised the terms of the visit, under which Chinese experts have done the first phase of research."

**EU Insists COVID Vaccinations Will Remain Voluntary.**

The AP (1/18) reports that European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic insisted on Monday that "vaccination is voluntary," noting that some people cannot be inoculated while others might simply object. He said, "We are taking all the precautions that we would not create any ground for different treatment of these people, or any kind of limitations of their rights."

**France’s COVID Infections At Six-Week High, Third Lockdown Under Consideration.**

Reuters (1/18) reports that "France’s average daily new COVID-19 infections hit a six-and-a-half week high of 18,270 on Monday, while the number of people being treated in intensive care units for the disease rose above 2,800 for the first time in a month." Meanwhile, the number of people to receive coronavirus vaccines has "reached 479,873 as of Monday, up from 422,127 the previous day." France has yet to impose a third national lockdown, but Prime Minister Jean Castex reaffirmed "that a new confinement could be imposed if the situation worsened."

**UK Coronavirus Variant Sweeps Across London Neighborhood.**

The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports on the new UK variant of the coronavirus, and its effects across London. In one area in the East End, it was estimated that one out of 16 residents was infected with the virus.

**Brazil Begins Slow Vaccination Process Amid Rise In Cases.**

The New York Times (1/18, Londoño, Andreoni, Casado, 20.6M) reports Brazil has kicked off its coronavirus vaccination campaign. But the rollout is expected to be slow as "the government is scrambling to buy more vaccine after months of taking a lackadaisical approach." Brazil currently has just six million doses of vaccine for a nation of 213 million people. Meanwhile, new variants of the virus have been appearing in the country and "patients in the northern state of Amazonas asphyxiated to death because hospitals ran out of oxygen amid a sharp rise in critically ill patients."

**Egypt’s Fatal Oxygen Shortage In Hospitals Highlighted.**

The New York Times (1/18, A1, El-Naggar, Al-Hlou, 20.6M) reports that a fatal oxygen shortage in Egypt "was the end result of a cascade of problems at the hospital, our investigation found." By the time people "were suffocating in the I.C.U., a relief delivery of oxygen that had been ordered was already hours late and a backup oxygen system had failed." The Egyptian "government’s rush to deny the episode is only the latest example of the lack of transparency in its response to the Covid-19 pandemic."
Biden Prepared To Comply With 2015 Nuclear Deal If Iran Does.

The AP (1/18, Knickmeyer) reports Joe Biden faces a "far starker" scene "as he reassembles a team of veteran negotiators to get back into the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran." President Trump "worked to blow up the multinational deal...during his four years in office, gutting the diplomatic achievement of predecessor Barack Obama in favor of what Trump called a maximum pressure campaign against Iran." Now, "Biden and his team will face allies and adversaries wondering how much attention and resolution the U.S. can bring to bear on the Iran nuclear issue or any other foreign concern, and whether any commitment by Biden will be reversed by his successor." The AP adds that "Biden's first priority for renewed talks is getting both Iran and the United States back in compliance with the nuclear deal." A "person familiar with the Biden transition team's thinking" said, "If Iran returns to compliance with the deal, we will do so as well."

Families Of Victims Await Justice One Year After Iran Downed Ukrainian Plane.

The Washington Post (1/18, 10.52M) reports that the year since "the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 in Iran," has "turned into a waiting game for answers and closure" for the loved ones of those on board the flight. While Iran has admitted responsibility, it "has rebuffed calls for a more transparent investigation, blaming 'human error' and denying any systemic flaws. While the government has said it has made arrests over the incident, names have not been released." Although Tehran "says it has offered the families of those killed $150,000 per victim...several families said they want justice, not money, and have called on Ukraine or one of the other countries with citizens killed in the crash to bring a case against Iran to the International Court of Justice."

Russia Faces International Criticism Over Navalny Imprisonment.

Reuters (1/18, Zverev, Osborn) reports that a Russian judge has "remanded Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny in pre-trial detention for 30 days...for violating the terms of a suspended jail sentence, ignoring calls from Western countries to free the opposition politician immediately." The ruling "could be the prelude to him being jailed for years." Reuters says "Moscow's prison service has applied to convert a suspended three-and-a-half year embezzlement sentence in the same case, which he says was trumped up, into real jail time early next month."

The AP (1/18, Litvinova) reports that "a crowd of Navalny supporters outside the precinct shouted 'Shame!' as the judge announced the ruling and Navalny's allies immediately called for protests." The AP says Navalny's "top strategist, Leonid Volkov, announced preparations for 'large rallies' on Saturday 'all across the country.'" In a video released after the judge's ruling, Navalny said, "Don't be afraid, take to the streets. Don't come out for me, come out for yourselves and your future." According to the AP, "At least 13 protesters were detained Monday outside the police precinct where the court hearing was held, and at least 55 demonstrators were rounded up by police in St. Petersburg."


Bloomberg (1/18, Meyer, Reznik, 3.57M) reports that "the move to imprison" Russian President Vladimir Putin's "most prominent opponent days before [Joe] Biden takes office could trigger an immediate clash with the new Democratic administration." Bloomberg says incoming national security adviser Jake Sullivan "blasted the Kremlin and called for Navalny's release."

However, the Washington Post (1/18, Dixon, 10.52M) reports that Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov "brushed off the international criticism, describing it as an attempt by Western officials to distract from their own problems. It looks like Western politicians view this as an
opportunity to divert attention from the deepest crisis the liberal development model has ever found itself in,” he said at a news conference in Moscow.”

Russian Foreign Minister Welcomes Biden Outreach On Expiring Arms Pact.
The AP (1/18, Isachenkov) reports Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Monday that the Russian government is “ready for a quick deal” with the incoming Biden Administration to “extend the last remaining arms control pact, which expires in just over two weeks.” Talks between Russia and the Trump Administration “on the possible extension of the New START treaty have failed to narrow their differences,“ but Joe Biden “has spoken in favor of the preservation of the New START treaty, which was negotiated during his tenure as U.S. vice president.” Lavrov is quoted as saying, “We have heard about the Biden administration’s intention to resume a dialogue on this issue and try to agree on the New START treaty’s extension before it expires on Feb. 5. We are waiting for specific proposals, our stance is well-known.”

US Imposing Sanctions On Russian Ship Involved In Building Nord Stream 2 Pipeline.
The New York Times (1/18, Eddy, 20.6M) reports the US “has informed Germany that it will impose sanctions on a Russian-owned ship involved in the construction“ of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, “that is to carry natural gas directly to Germany from Russia, German officials said Monday.” This is “the first action the United States has taken against the project, which has been a point of friction between Washington and Berlin.” While Germany supports the pipeline, “Washington fears it will give Moscow undue leverage over Germany, Ukraine and Central Europe.”

North Korea Could Be Planning To Test Submarine-Launched Missile.
The Washington Post (1/18, Denyer, Warrick, 10.52M) reports US weapons experts say North Korea “appears to be taking steps toward a new test of a powerful submarine-launched missile...as it steadily dials up the pressure” on Joe Biden. The Post says there is satellite evidence “of work at a naval base in the port city of Nampo on the country’s west coast that suggests preparations could be underway for a test launch of a similar missile. While the evidence is not conclusive, it does fit a pattern of steadily more aggressive posturing from North Korea’s leader.”

China’s GDP Grew 2.3% Last Year.
The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Cheng, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports china said Monday that its GDP rose 2.3% in 2020, making it the only major world economy to post gains, speeding what economists say is its likely outpacing the US economy. Amid the pandemic, China’s economy expanded while that of the US slowed, and many economists now anticipate China will achieve parity with the US by 2028, five years sooner than some pre-pandemic predictions. The Washington Post (1/18, Shih, 10.52M) provides similar coverage.

Mexican President: US Officials Understand Decision Not To Prosecute Ex-Defense Minister.
Reuters (1/18) reports that Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador “said on Monday the U.S. government understood his administration’s stance on the case of ex-defense minister Salvador Cienfuegos, who Mexico decided not to prosecute after U.S. authorities had built a case against him.” According to Reuters, López Obrador “said Washington understood that Mexico had to defend its authority and prestige in the matter of Cienfuegos, whom U.S. prosecutors had accused of working with drug traffickers.” Reuters reports that “the Mexican attorney general’s office said last week the U.S. case was not strong enough to warrant charges against Cienfuegos, who was defense minister in the previous government, and was initially arrested by U.S. officials in October.”

The New York Times (1/18, Kitroeff, 20.6M) says López Obrador is “concerned that [Joe]
Biden might be more inclined to meddle in Mexican affairs than President Trump and "has spent the last several weeks preemptively poking the incoming administration in the eye." In addition to his government's exoneration of Cienfuegos, López Obrador "was among the very last global leaders to congratulate Mr. Biden on his victory," and he "recently signed a law gutting the ability of U.S. drug agents to act in Mexico. And then, out of nowhere, Mr. López Obrador offered Julian Assange asylum." The Times says "all those perceived slights" stem from "a fear that the Democrats are more likely to intervene to promote labor rights and clean energy, getting in the way of Mr. López Obrador's ambitious agenda at home, according to two officials in his government who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals."


The New York Times (1/18, Erlanger, 20.6M) reports that ahead of the transition of power in the US, Germany's defense minister, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, "asserts that Europeans cannot replace America as a security provider, as do Central and Eastern European leaders. But others, especially President Emmanuel Macron of France and the E.U. foreign-policy chief, Josep Borrell Fontelles, argue that Europeans cannot be sure of America’s reliability." According to the Times, "Biden's victory should not distract or discourage Europeans from a goal of a more independent defense and more strategic autonomy, they say, even in the context of NATO."

Italian PM Wins Confidence Vote In Lower House, Faces Tougher Vote Tuesday.

Reuters (1/18, Amante, Balmer) reports Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte won a confidence vote in the Chamber of Deputies Monday, retaining power "after a junior partner quit his coalition and opened a political crisis amid the raging COVID-19 pandemic." Conte appealed "to opposition and non-aligned lawmakers to back him following last week's walk-out by former premier Matteo Renzi's Italia Viva party," and was able to win by 321 to 259. However, he faces "a tougher test on Tuesday in the upper house Senate, where the government had only a slim majority even when Italia Viva was still part of the coalition."

Saudi Arabia Says It Executed 27 People Last Year.

The Washington Post (1/18, Fahim, 10.52M) reports that Saudi Arabia "said Monday that 27 people were executed in the kingdom last year." According to Reprieve and the European Saudi Organization for Human Rights, "two human rights organizations that track the use of the death penalty in the kingdom," that is the lowest number of executions "since at least 2013." A statement from Saudi Arabia's government-run Human Rights Commission said that the 27 executions in 2020 represented an 85% decrease from 2019. The Wall Street Journal (1/18, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) says the decline in executions comes as the kingdom seeks to improve its image in a bid to draw Western tourists and foreign investment.

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Central African Republic Court Upholds Touadera's Reelection.

The AP (1/18, Keena) reports Central African Republic's constitutional court has upheld President Faustin Archange Touadera's re-election, "raising the specter of more violence days after rebels attempted to overtake the capital." Opposition parties "had urged the court to order a re-run of
the Dec. 27 voting, saying insecurity and alleged irregularities had marred the election.” But the court “validated Touadera’s victory with 53% of ballots cast. Anicet Georges Dologuele had 22% of the vote, repeating his second place finish in the 2016 election.” Touadera “told reporters that he was open to talks with his opponents as proposed by a rebel spokesman ‘but not at any price.’”

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Covid-19 Vaccines Are Getting Stuck At The Last Step.
The Debt Question Facing Janet Yellen: How Much Is Too Much?
Trump Weighs Many Pardons As Presidency Winds Down.
Combine Chrysler, Fiat, Peugeot And You Get Stellantis...Stella-What?
Your Movie Is About To Be...Delayed...Again.

New York Times:
Why Rages Over The 2020 Election Could Last Well Past Trump.
Pentagon Accelerates Efforts To Root Out Far-Right Extremism In The Ranks.
One Day’s Pandemic Losses: Among Thousands, A Father, A Child, A Friend.
‘I Let You Down’: Klete Keller’s Path From Olympics To Capitol Riot.
Egypt Denied An Oxygen Failure Killed Covid Patients. We Found That It Did.

Washington Post:
Silicon Valley Braces For Regulatory Barrage.
Vaccinated Health-Care Workers Feel A Shot Of Hope.
Trump Plans Slow Of Pardons.
Not Only Trump Will Face The Judgment Of History.
Fringe Groups Raise Funds On Christian Site.
FBI Looks At Apparent Coordination In Riot.

Financial Times:
Russia Jails Opposition Activist Navalny For 30 Days.
How Couche-Tard’s Ambitious Bid For Carrefour Was Cut Down.
Indonesia Criticised For Prioritising Social Media Stars In Vaccine Drive.

Washington Times:
Trump Leaves Mark As One Of The Most Consequential One-Term Presidents.
Trump Stress Test Leaves All Institutions Of American Democracy风雨, Same Broken.
‘Absolutely Brutal!’ Biden Struggles To Recalibrate Unity Message, Fortified Capitol.
US Army Gunning For More Firepower As It Upgrades M-4 Rifle.
Shutdown Fears Buoyed By Study Showing ‘No Clear, Significant’ Benefit To Lockdowns.
Outbreaks Haunt Leader Of Italy, Others Trying To Hold On To Power.

Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:
ABC: Capitol Siege; Trump-Last Days; Biden Transition; COVID; Alexei Navalny; Chicago-Man Living In O’Hare Arrested; NFL-Brady & Brees; MLK Jr. Day of Service.
CBS: Capitol Siege; Inauguration Security; Biden Transition; Trump-Last Days; COVID; Alexei Navalny; Chicago-Man Living In O’Hare Arrested; MLK Jr. Day of Service.
NBC: Capitol Siege; Inauguration Security; COVID; Vaccines; Trump-Last Days; Biden Transition; Sen. Padilla-COVID Crisis; Alexei Navalny; Digital Screens In Cars; NFL-Brady & Brees; MLK Jr. Day of Service.
Network TV At A Glance:
Capital Siege – 13 minutes, 50 seconds
Trump-Last Days – 7 minutes, 0 seconds
Biden Transition – 6 minutes, 25 seconds
COVID – 6 minutes, 20 seconds
Alexei Navalny – 1 minute, 50 seconds

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
- President Trump — No public events scheduled.
- Vice President Pence — Leads a White House Coronavirus Task Force meeting.

US Senate:
- Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee considers DHS secretary nominee (virtual) – Hybrid nominations hearing considers Alejandro Mayorkas to be Secretary of Homeland Security * Held in Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Building and via videoconference * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services director / former deputy secretary of homeland security in November; 10:00 AM
- Senate Finance Committee considers treasury secretary nominee – Nominations hearing considers Janet Yellen to be Secretary of the Treasury * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former Federal Reserve chair in November. She was the first female Fed chair and would be the first female secretary of the treasury
  Location: Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- Senate Intelligence Committee considers DNI nominee – Remote nominations hearing, held via WebEx, considers Avril Haines to be Director of National Intelligence * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former deputy national security advisor / former CIA deputy director in November. She would be the first ever female DNI; 10:00 AM
- Senates convenes and begins a period of morning business
  Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 12:00 PM
- Senate Foreign Relations Committee considers secretary of state nominee – Hybrid nominations hearing considers Antony Blinken to be Secretary of State * Held via videoconference and in Rm 301, Russell Senate Office Building * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former deputy national security advisor / former deputy secretary of state in November; 2:00 PM
- Senate Armed Services Committee considers defense secretary nominee – Nominations hearing considers Gen. (Ret.) Lloyd Austin III to be Secretary of Defense * President-elect Joe Biden nominated the former U.S. Central Command commander last month. He would be the first Black person in the role. Appointment requires a Congressional waiver of the National Security Act of 1947, however, due to the short length of time since Austin left active-duty military, and some Members of Congress have objected to this, as they did with President Donald Trump's ultimately successful appointment of Gen. (Ret.) James Mattis
  Location: Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 3:00 PM
- Senate returns after Martin Luther King Day State Work Period

US House:
- House of Representatives meets in pro forma session
  Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 1:00 PM

Cabinet Officers:
- No public appointments announced.
Visitors:

- No visitors scheduled.

General Events:

- **U.S. Supreme Court hearings** - U.S. Supreme Court hearings, via teleconference: 'Federal Communications Commission v. Prometheus Radio Project'; 'National Association of Broadcasters v. Prometheus Radio Project' (consolidated) (Whether the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit erred in vacating as arbitrary and capricious the FCC orders under review, which, among other things, relaxed the agency's cross-ownership restrictions to accommodate changed market condition?) - 'BP P.L.C. v. Mayor and City Council Baltimore' (Whether Title 28 Section 1447(d) permits a court of appeals to review any issue encompassed in a district court's order remanding a removed case to state court when the removing defendant premised removal in part on the federal-officer removal statute or the civil-rights removal statute?); 10:00 AM

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce discussion on innovation (virtual)** - 'How Innovation & Creativity Drive American Competitiveness' U.S. Chamber of Commerce online event, with Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director Andrei Iancu, IPO Board President Dan Sauts, INTA Director Jennifer McDowell, and U.S. Chamber GIPC Senior Vice President Patrick Kilbride, and Vice President Frank Culien; 2:30 PM

- **Presidential Inaugural Committee hosts COVID-19 Memorial to Lives Lost** - Presidential Inaugural Committee hosts nationwide COVID-19 Memorial to Lives Lost, with a ceremony featuring a lighting around the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, DC, with 400 lights - the first-ever lighting around the pool to memorialize U.S. lives lost - plus with cities and towns across the country invited to illuminate buildings and ring church bells to coincide with the ceremony as 'a national moment of unity and remembrance'. President-elect Joe Biden, incoming First Lady Dr Jill Biden, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, and incoming Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff, plus Archbishop of Washington Cardinal Wilton Gregory and gospel singer Yolanda Adams, while other locations participating include New York, Seattle, Wilmington, DE, Oakland, CA, Miami, Atlanta, Chicago, Dearborn, MI, Las Vegas, Philadelphia, Scanton, PA, Charleston, SC, and Houston *Inauguration of Biden as president and Harris as vice president is tomorrow.

  Location: Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, Washington, DC; 5:30 PM

- **Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum (virtual)** - Atlantic Council Global Energy Forum (virtual). Speakers include United Arab Emirates Special Envoy for Climate Change Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber; UAE Minister of Energy and Industry Suhail Al Mazrouei; Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company CEO Shaikht Nawaf Sadiq Al Sabah; former Sen. Kelly Ayotte; Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo; World Nuclear Association Director General Sama Bilbaid; World Energy Forum Director General Yuste; International Energy Agency Executive Director Faith Birol; Democratic Rep. Kathy Castor; European Commission Director General for Energy Ditte Juul Jorgensen; United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby; UK Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy Kwasi Kwarteng; International Renewable Energy Agency Director General Francesco La Camera; Centre for Science and Environment Director General Sunita Narain; and former CIA Director Gen. (Ret.) David Petraeus

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Greetings George Beach II

Tuesday, January 19, 2023
Sunday Protests At Capitols Across US Were Small And Nonviolent

The AP (1/17) reports, “Small groups of right-wing protesters — some of them carrying rifles — gathered outside heavily fortified statehouses around the country Sunday, outnumbered by National Guard troops and police brought in to prevent a repeat of the violence that erupted at the U.S. Capitol. As darkness fell, there were no reports of any clashes.” The Los Angeles Times (1/17) reports, “Fears of major protests by armed, far-right Trump supporters outside the Capitol and at state capitols Sunday proved unfounded, with only small groups, some carrying weapons, gathering in a handful of cities.”

Pandemic, Protests Led To Record US Gun Sales In 2020

The Washington Post (1/18, Fisher, Burman, Spolar) report “gun sales typically soar in the weeks following the election of a Democratic president... but a Washington Post analysis of gun sales in 2020 finds no such surge in recent weeks.” Rather, purchases soared in March and April as the pandemic surged and then again “in July, in the weeks after massive protests against police brutality spread throughout the nation.” While sales continued at a high rate in November and December, “the numbers didn’t come close to spikes seen earlier in the year.” Overall, 2020 gun sales (23 million) represents a 44% increase over 2019 sales.

Inspectors Say UK Case Backlog Threatens Criminal Justice System

The Guardian UK (1/19, Quinn) reports, “Urgent action is needed to tackle an ‘unprecedented backlog’ of court cases built up during the pandemic that has ‘severe implications’ for victims, the UK’s four justice chief inspectors have warned.” The Guardian adds, “The plight of prisoners locked up for most of the day because of Covid-19 and disruption to services for young offenders were also highlighted in a report by the inspectors of probation, police, prisons and the Crown Prosecution Service. They expressed ‘grave concern’ in particular about the situation in courts – already struggling with a ‘chronic backlog’ of cases – which they said constituted the greatest threat to the proper operation of the criminal justice system. ‘Delays mean victims must wait longer for cases to be heard; some will withdraw support for prosecutions because they have lost faith in the process,’ said Justin Russell, the chief inspector of probation, speaking on behalf all four inspectors.”

Independence, Ohio Partners With State, Federal Agencies On Crime Task Force

The Cleveland Plain Dealer (1/18, Bednar) reports from Independence, Ohio, “City officials showed their support for the Cleveland Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), which has opened a new facility for federal investigators, police, and state and federal prosecutors to share resources and create a combined effort to investigate crime.” The Plain Dealer adds, “According to a press release from the United States Department of Justice, the task force ‘brings together local police agencies, federal agents and prosecutors to work collaboratively on investigations into major criminal organizations and their subsidiaries trafficking narcotics, weapons, humans and the proceeds of those crimes.’ Williams explained that the facility was funded by the Department of Justice through a federal drug-control grant. The facility itself will be used for investigating, processing evidence and gathering electronic evidence using computers and analyzing tools.”

Arizona Legislation Could Put Brakes On Some Speeding Offenses

The Arizona Daily Star (1/18, Fischer) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, “If you see those posted speed on highways as more of a suggestion than a limit, a Southern Arizona lawmaker has some legislation for you.” The bill “says that anyone driving up to 75 mph in a 65 mph zone can be cited for speeding but the offense of ‘waste of a finite resource.’ That means doing so would be a maximum fine of $15,” and “the state Department of Transportation cannot use the offense to add points to a person’s driving record,” but “perhaps the most significant factor — and the reason most motorists would not bother to fight the fine — is that ADOT can’t report the citation to someone’s insurance company, which often can result in higher premiums.” The legislation “contains a similar provision for roads posted at 75. Real fines and insurance reporting would not kick in unless the driver is clocked at more than 85 mph.”
U.S. Members Only:

DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance Webinar: The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

Thursday, January 21 from 4:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Eastern.

This webinar will prepare applicants for BJA funding opportunities. Prior to the release of a solicitation, there are a number of steps that applicants can take. In this webinar, attendees will learn what registrations are necessary to apply, how to navigate Grants.gov and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants, such as the Office of Justice Programs' Funding Resource Center. A Q&A session will follow at the end.

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CRIME & DRUGS

Drug Investigation Results In 18 Arrests

The Times of Trenton (1/14, Avilucea) reports 18 suspected “members of a street gang linked to shootings and at least three murders in Trenton” were taken down as the result of an investigation that involved the DEA and the FBI. The Times of Trenton (1/14) (Shelke) reports, “A six-month narcotics investigation led to 18 arrests and the seizure of dozens of pounds of drugs.”

Florida Police Searching For Kidnapped Family

Miami (1/17) reports that Pembroke Pines police are searching for an 18-year-old girl who was kidnapped at gunpoint, along with her parents, early Sunday morning. Nicole Martinez and her parents were kidnapped outside of their home in the 900 block of SW 147th Avenue in Pembroke Pines after returning home around 12:30 a.m.

US Warns Mexico Against Sharing Confidential Information On Drug Cartels

The Wall Street Journal (1/17, de Cordoba, Perez, Subscription Publication) reports, “The U.S. warned Mexico it had impeded the sharing of information on the country’s drug cartels by releasing a confidential dossier providing evidence that Mexico’s former defense minister was in the pay of drug kingpins, pushing bilateral anti-drug cooperation to its lowest point in years.”

TECHNOLOGY

US Legislators Continue Effort To Restrict Facial Recognition

Reuters (1/18, Dave) reports that US lawmakers “are moving ahead with efforts to ban facial recognition software even as the technology helps identify supporters of President Donald Trump who rioted at their workplace and forced them to evacuate this month.” Senator Ed Markey, who joined three other Democrats in Congress to introduce an unsuccessful bill that would have banned federal agencies such as the FBI from using facial recognition last year, “said in a statement that the technology may not be worth the risks.” He “called on authorities to keep the public safe and hold criminals accountable without relying on invasive tools that are proven to have serious accuracy and bias issues.”

GLOBAL SECURITY

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MONDAY’S LEAD STORIES

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The FBI continues to monitor the situation around the country and will share any available and pertinent information for private industry on the Domestic Security Alliance Council (DSAC) and InfraGard (IG) member portals (see respective link to DSAC (www.dsac.gov) and InfraGard (www.infragard.org) for the products detailed below):

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**American Jews On Edge Amid Warnings Of Potential Inauguration Day Violence**

*Source: The Jewish News of Northern California*

(United States) Brad Orsin believes now is the time to run through all the “what if” scenarios, and by that he means asking the hard questions, such as: “What if armed antisemitic mobs storm my city or attack my synagogue?” As the national security director for the Secure Community Network, Orsin knows that after the 6 January extremist riot at the Capitol, Jews and Jewish institutions are at risk. While emphasizing that there are presently no known credible and specific threats, Orsin said in a webinar Friday that all Jewish communities need to prepare. “This is a good chance to break out emergency operations plans, review them and convene security teams,” said Orsin, the former director of community security at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Read More

**ADL's Jonathan Greenblatt: White Supremacy Threat To Jews, Others**

*Source: Cleveland Jewish News*

(United States) White supremacy, as demonstrated by the events on 6 January at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., is a continuing threat both to American Jews and to national security, the head of the Anti-Defamation League said at a 15 January webinar. The webinar, “The Ongoing Threat: Environment, Impact, and Security Considerations for the Jewish Community,” was hosted by Michael Masters, national director and CEO of Secure Community Network, and represented a collaboration among ADL, SCN, and Jewish Federations of North America. Chris DiRienzo, SCN’s deputy director of intelligence, said it is important to be vigilant and maintain personal and institutional awareness as well as to follow security and safety protocols. “SCN is not currently aware of any specific credible threats to the Jewish community.” he said. “However, we all know that during these unprecedented times, the threat environment can change very quickly.” Read More

**Apple Sued For Offering Telegram In App Store Despite Alleged Hate Speech, Extremist Behavior**

*Source: Fox Business*

(United States) A non-profit advocacy group has slapped Apple with a lawsuit for failing to remove Telegram from its App Store despite the app allegedly allowing hate speech and extremist or illegal behavior, court papers show. The Washington, D.C.-based Coalition for a Safer Web has accused Apple of allowing “Telegram to be distributed through the App Store knowing that Telegram does not comply with Apple’s developer guidelines and ... is routinely used to violate California’s hate speech law,” according to the complaint filed Sunday in the Northern District of California. Read More

**Antisemitic Sign From Ann Arbor Synagogue Protests Surfaces At Lansing Gathering**

*Source: The Jewish News*

(Michigan) Protests held at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing on Sunday, 17 January, to oppose the results of the U.S. presidential election were largely peaceful and sparsely attended outside of a few members of right-wing fringe movements, some counter-protesters and members of the media. But one image was familiar to those who have been tracking Michigan antisemitic incidents. A
Lansing photo captured by Associated Press reporter Anna Lee Nichols depicted a man wearing a placard with a sign showing a caricature of President Trump wearing a yarmulke, holding a menorah in one hand and an Israeli flag in the other. Text on the sign reads, "Hey, Donald! We thought you said America First!" That same sign, which perpetuates many antisemitic tropes, has appeared at weekly anti-Israel protests held outside Beth Israel Congregation in Ann Arbor by a small group that calls itself Witness for Peace. Read More.

Ashland Police Investigate After Leaflets Displaying Swastika Posted On Businesses
Source: Richmond Times-Dispatch

(Virginia) Ashland police are investigating after several businesses along Railroad Avenue were littered with leaflets displaying a swastika and text stating "We are everywhere." Officers patrolling the area made the discovery around 6:45 a.m. Sunday. There were no other reports of vandalism or criminal behavior, police said in a news release. "I want to reply to those who littered our Town: We will pick up the trash you dropped," said Ashland Mayor Steve Trivett in the release. "Ashlanders will never be intimidated or influenced by any of the sort and sick extremisms that desire power yet deserve none. In Ashland we reserve our extremisms for compassion, fellowship, and respect for others." Read More.

Australian Government Probes UNRWA After Watchdog Report Reveals Antisemitic Educational Materials
Source: Algemeiner

(Australia) The Australian Department of Foreign Trade and Affairs (DFAT) will investigate antisemitic and inflammatory educational materials used by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), after a report by an Israel-based watchdog organization. The Australian reported Monday, "UNRWA has a fundamental obligation to remain unbiased and impartial while it delivers its humanitarian mandate," a department spokesperson told the paper. "DFAT has reiterated to UNRWA the importance it places on non-discrimination, equality, and neutrality in the education programs that UNRWA supports." Read More.

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Guatemala begins clearing migrant caravan on blocked road

Guatemalan security forces on Monday started clearing a road where hundreds of mostly Honduran migrants trying to reach the United States had camped overnight after their advance was stopped by officials.
US in Somalia: 'We still need the Americans for security'

A partial withdrawal of US troops from Somalia is coming at a critical time for the country.
Internal watchdog to probe how Justice Department prepared before Capitol riots

The U.S. Justice Department's internal watchdog will review how the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law enforcement agencies prepared and responded to the storming of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters, Inspector General Michael Horowitz said...
Aditya Singh: Man found 'living in airport for three months' over Covid fears

Aditya Singh was reportedly afraid to fly due to Covid-19, so lived in Chicago's O'Hare airport.
U.N. Security Council approves new U.N. Libya mediator

The United Nations Security Council approved on Friday the appointment of veteran diplomat Jan Kubis as the U.N. Libya envoy, diplomats said, nearly a year after the last mediator stepped down.
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China President Xi Jinping is asking former CEO Howard Schultz of Starbucks to help repair U.S.-Chinese relations that have plunged to their lowest level in decades amid a tariff war and tension over technology and security.
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The helicopter had been on a supply run to troops in a remote, mountainous region where a hunt for communist rebels was taking place, the military said.
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Trump’s iron grip on our attention will soon weaken

The Daily 202 debuted on June 10, 2015. Six days later, Donald Trump rode down a golden escalator to launch his presidential campaign and remake American politics. Since then, Trump’s name has appeared in every single edition of this newsletter.

That was not our original plan. To coincide with our launch, I interviewed a dozen candidates for the Republican nomination. When one of Trump’s top advisers called to say he wanted to participate, I respectfully declined, explaining that I was only showcasing people who had a realistic shot of winning the White House. The next day, I ran my Q&A with former Texas governor Rick Perry. Oops.

The rest is history, and we have lived it together. A reality television star became the first U.S. president with no prior governing or military experience. Thanks to readers like you, the Daily 202 succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.

It feels fitting for my final Big Idea to run on this last full day of Trump’s presidency. As Joe Biden becomes the 46th president on Wednesday, Olivier Knox will take the reins of this newsletter. After a few weeks of contemplative time, I will begin writing a column on the Opinion page.
Narrating the Trump era has been an eye-opening, if exhausting, labor of love. I woke up at 2 a.m. more than 1,400 times to ensure this email would be as fresh and comprehensive as possible. I’ve recorded about 900 editions of the accompanying Big Idea podcast, which launched in July 2017. Because there is no substitute for shoe-leather reporting, I filed this newsletter from 41 states. If not for the pandemic, I might have reached 50 by now.
Walmart has stepped up to help provide increased access to testing and combat COVID-19. As Walmart prepares to administer the vaccine, the retailer is still supporting nearly 600 U.S. testing sites.

From climate change to Charlottesville to the coronavirus, news cycles have only seemed to accelerate these past 5 1/2 years. I tried to make sense of two impeachments, three election cycles and four Supreme Court confirmation battles.
There was #MeToo, the racial reckoning and that always-loomimg bear in the woods.

Trump has shown a singular ability to put himself at the center of all of these stories. Whether you loved him or hated him, many of you seemed to always be thinking about him. There was constant chaos and record staff turnover, with feuds and firings. The experience opened our eyes to the fragility of certain institutions, including the Justice Department, and the strengths of others, including the press.

Even after his repudiation in November, the lame-duck Trump continued to suck up most of the political oxygen by denying his defeat, trying to overturn election results and inciting a mob of his supporters to attack the Capitol. Even after leaving office, Trump will continue to be a top story because of his impending Senate trial. There will likely be controversy over the pardons he is expected to issue during his final hours. Trumpism will remain a dominant force in Republican politics. More books will probably come out about Trump than Biden next year, as publishing houses place big bets that the national addiction to Trump will endure.

If history is any guide, though, attention will eventually fade. The country will probably move on sooner than many people suspect. Twitter banning the outgoing president has had a dramatic impact that might be a harbinger of what’s to come. Research firm Zignal Labs found that online misinformation about election fraud dropped 73 percent in the week after several social media sites suspended Trump and his allies.

Newspapers will no longer have a journalistic duty to cover every pronouncement from a former president. Neither will cable television, especially if Trump does not generate the ratings he once did. Biden will face major challenges in cleaning up the many messes and crises that he’s about to inherit, and he will surely create some of his own. I do not yet know what it will say, but I have resolved that my first column will not be about Trump.
So many people deserve special thanks.

PowerPost editor Rachel Van Dongen, who recruited me from Politico, has been a wonderful boss and friend since the beginning. Her deputy, Sara Sorcher, has been instrumental in keeping the trains running on time. The 202’s success would never have been possible without the vision of publisher Fred Ryan, as well as the support of executive editor Marty Baron, managing editor Cameron Barr, national editor Steven Ginsberg and national politics editor Peter Wallsten.

Mariana Alfaro has heroically worked the overnight shift as the Daily 202’s lead researcher since 2019, parsing and aggregating literally hundreds of stories a day. Before Mariana, I was fortunate to work with Joanie Greve, Breanne Deppisch and Elise Viebeck in this role.

The Big Idea podcast would not have been possible without producer Ariel Plotnik, and Anne Li before her, as well as audio editors Jess Stahl and Allison Michaels.

Thank you to the copy editors on the early shift who have saved me from countless typos, including Thomas Heleba, Melissa Ngo and Sue Doyle.

Finally, and most of all, I want to thank all the readers and listeners. With limited time and busy lives, you have welcomed me into your homes and let me tag along during your commutes. I have always enjoyed your kind words of encouragement. Who wouldn’t? But I want to sign off by letting you know how much I have also
sincerely appreciated your critiques and quibbles. I always took your thoughtful, sometimes challenging, feedback to heart. Your messages made me smarter and better at my job.

**Trump's final days**

Scholars will struggle to understand what the Trump era says about American democracy.

Wednesday after a reign defined by constant chaos, corruption and scandal, a tenure that numerous scholars predict is destined to rank him among America’s worst presidents,” David Nakamura reports. “The historians preparing to reckon with his legacy say it’s not just Trump who will be examined in the harsh reflection of history’s mirror, but also American society and the nation’s commitment to democracy. Trump’s relentless attacks on civic institutions, provoking of racial and social divisions, trampling of political norms, broadsides against the free press and impugning of America’s international allies have raised profound questions about the nature of American governance and the endurance of the values the United States has long professed to cherish, scholars said. “Trump and Trumpism have brought those flaws into sharp relief,” said Matthew Dallek, a political historian at George Washington University.”

- “The social conditions that brought so many people to believe the falsehoods Trump has told about the election and a litany of other issues took root decades before he became a political figure and will extend far beyond the four years of his administration, according to scholars of disinformation and conspiratorial thinking,” Jose Del Real reports.
- Trump’s final job approval rating is the worst of his presidency at 34 percent, according to Gallup, one point worse than in the aftermath of Charlottesville. “His 41% average approval rating throughout his presidency is four points lower than for any of his predecessors,” Gallup notes.
- Just over 1 in 10 Americans say the pandemic is mostly under control, despite Trump’s parting insistence that case numbers are being exaggerated, according to fresh Post-ABC News polling. The survey found that large majorities of people of all political affiliations say they think the deadly virus is only somewhat, or not at all, under control. (Amy Goldstein and Emily Guskin)
- Trump taped a farewell address on Monday, and the recording will likely be released today. (CNN)
- “You never want to be ranked below William Henry Harrison, who was only president for one month. If you rank below him, it means you’ve harmed the country,” said presidential historian Douglas Brinkley of Rice University. “Now you’re getting into James Buchanan and Andrew Johnson territory. Trump will automatically be in that category.”
- Trump issued an executive order to mandate the creation of a “Garden of American Heroes” including statues of Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson,

**While the president remains mired in grievance, his wife plots their next chapter.**

“In her final days as first lady, Melania Trump has largely stayed away from the West Wing. While her husband spends his time there in anger — though aides said his dark mood has lightened since he began planning a rousing military send-off for himself — she has shown no sign of any disappointment for how the president’s era is ending,” Mary Jordan reports. “Instead, she has been busying herself with finding a new school for Barron in Florida and working on her own farewell video message to the country, which she released Monday. Several people who have been in touch with Melania Trump said she is aware of the intense criticism both she and her husband have gotten since the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot, but that unlike her spouse she appears completely unfazed. ... She focuses on what she has control over: choreographing her own exit, trying to cement her legacy as a first lady who devoted much time to renovations of the White House, and making plans to continue her ‘Be Best’ initiative. ... 

“One person close to the president said it can be hard to predict what will bother him most and that even with all that was going on, he was particularly upset that Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, Tom Hanks and other stars agreed to perform as part of Biden’s inaugural celebrations. ... [The first lady] is expected to be involved in the site selection, planning and design of the Trump presidential library, which probably will be located in Florida. Her stepdaughter Ivanka Trump also has expressed interest in the library.”

**Snubbed by the Trumps, the Bidens will be greeted at the White House by chief usher Timothy Harleth.**

“Harleth, a 2017 Trump hire from the Trump International Hotel in Washington, will likely not stay on in the Biden administration,” CNN reports. "The afternoon of Inauguration Day, [Biden] will participate in a ceremonial wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery, joined by former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama. ... By that time, all Trump paraphernalia will be gone, and..."
a thorough top-to-bottom cleaning of the entire White House campus will have been completed. ... A particular focus of this move will be paid to the bedrooms in the residence, where new mattresses and box springs for the incoming first family are standard operating procedure ... Yet one part of the bedroom set-up will be markedly different with the Bidens than it was for the Trumps: the Bidens will be sharing a bedroom. ... On Monday, moving trucks were spotted in the driveways of Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, with movers loading dollies of boxes and items and rolling them into the private club.”

Mike Pompeo is clinging to Trump’s legacy, hoping to inherit the MAGA base in 2024.

“The president’s most loyal Cabinet member has spent the past several days heaping praise on Trump and his presidency, saying it has made the United States ‘so much safer today than four years ago’ and has served as a role model to other nations,” John Hudson reports. “To independent observers, the remarks are wildly tone-deaf and reinforce Pompeo’s status as one of the most partisan secretaries of state in modern U.S. history. ... To Republican political observers, Pompeo’s unflinching promotion of a twice-impeached president is part of a careful balancing act designed to lay future claim to Trump’s large and loyal political base while retaining credibility among the GOP establishment. ... Pompeo, who has made no secret of his presidential ambitions, is scrambling to build up his social media presence during his final week in office, repeatedly urging the more than 3 million followers of the official State Department account to follow his personal Twitter account.”

- Lawmakers who objected to election results have been cut off from 20 of their 30 biggest corporate PAC donors. (Douglas MacMillan and Jena McGregor)
- Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) found a new publisher for his book, the conservative firm Regnery, after Simon & Schuster ended its contract to publish his book because of his role in the events of Jan. 6. (NYT)
- Trump tried to remove civil service protections from tens of thousands of career federal employees, but he has failed due to time constraints and legal hurdles. (Lisa Rein)
- Embattled Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham is resigning in the wake of allegations he supported a partisan push to deliver data on undocumented
immigrants to Trump before the president leaves office. (Tara Bahrampour)

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) demanded that acting defense secretary Chris Miller immediately end efforts to burrow Michael Ellis, a former Republican Party operative and Devin Nunes’s right-hand man, as the National Security Agency’s general counsel. (Amy B Wang and Ellen Nakashima)

- Dominion Voting Systems threatened MyPillow CEO and Trump loyalist Mike Lindell with a lawsuit over “false and conspiratorial” claims related to election rigging. Lindell said he welcomes a libel suit because it could unearth evidence supporting his claims. (Hannah Knowles and Emma Brown)

- Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani voted in November using an affidavit ballot, a method he’s publicly disparaged repeatedly as he tried to overturn the election results. (CNN)

### Quote of the day

“*My conscience is clear, and I am confident that my decision is on the right side of the law and history,*” said Aaron Van Langevelde, the Republican on the Michigan Board of Canvassers who voted to certify Biden’s win in November. (Wang and Beth Reinhard)

### Biden prepares to take over
Senate committees will hold hearings today for Biden's national security team.

“But the last-minute rush means that most, if not all, will not be confirmed by the end of Inauguration Day,” Karoun Demirjian reports. ”The crammed schedule for the nominees — Avril Haines for director of national intelligence, Alejandro Mayorkas for homeland security secretary, Antony Blinken for secretary of state, Janet L. Yellen for treasury secretary and Lloyd J. Austin III for defense secretary — is a result of compound delays caused by factors including the Georgia Senate runoffs, paperwork disputes and partisan gridlock. Fallout from the Capitol riot this month further stymied the process, and President Trump's impending impeachment trial could slow it even more. Even if the Senate manages to squeeze in some confirmations on Biden's first full day in office, the road ahead is unclear for Austin
and Mayorkas. Austin, a retired general whose military service ended in 2016, requires a waiver before he can take over as the Pentagon's top civilian. Mayorkas, meanwhile, faces Republican grievances that as deputy homeland security secretary during the Obama administration, he was accused of using an immigrant visa program to secure investments for political allies' pet projects — a charge Mayorkas has denied."

"Mayorkas, 61, is a former federal prosecutor, not a liberal activist,"
Maria Sacchetti and Nick Miroff write in a profile. "He would be the first Latino, and first immigrant, in charge of DHS ... Born in Cuba to Jewish parents and a mother who escaped the Holocaust, Mayorkas was raised in Southern California, painfully aware of the losses undergirding his family’s American success story. Through his Romanian-born mother, whose relatives were murdered by the Nazis, Mayorkas discovered the horrors that can unfold when refugees cannot flee to safety, friends and former colleagues say. Through his Cuban-born father, he learned someone can love a country and still feel compelled to leave it forever."

Yellen urged lawmakers to “act big” on economic stimulus relief during her opening statement. “I think there is a consensus now: Without further action, we risk a longer, more painful recession now — and long-term scarring of the economy later,” she will tell the Senate Finance Committee. (Jeff Stein and Erica Werner)

Biden will nominate Pennsylvania’s top health official, Rachel Levine, to be his assistant secretary of health. The pediatrician would become the first openly transgender federal official to be confirmed by the Senate. Biden’s transition team noted that Levine — first appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf (D) in 2017 — was confirmed three times by the Republican-controlled Pennsylvania state Senate to serve as secretary of health and the state’s physician general. (John Wagner and Teo Armus)

Biden will propose a sweeping overhaul of immigration laws on his first day in office.

His plan will include an eight-year pathway to citizenship for immigrants without
legal status and an expansion of refugee admissions, along with an enforcement plan that deploys technology to patrol the border, Seung Min Kim reports. “Biden’s legislative proposal, which will be sent to Congress on Wednesday, also includes a heavy focus on addressing the root causes of migration from Central America, a key part of Biden’s foreign policy portfolio when he served as vice president. The centerpiece of the plan ... is the eight-year pathway, which would put millions of qualifying immigrants in a temporary status for five years and then grant them a green card once they meet certain requirements such as a background check and payment of taxes. They would be able to apply for citizenship three years later. To qualify, immigrants must have been in the United States as of Jan. 1, a move meant to blunt any rush to the border. Beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals — which granted key protections for ‘dreamers’ — and the temporary protected status program for migrants from disaster-ravaged nations could apply for a green card immediately."

**Biden will impose ethics rules that go beyond what was put in place under Trump.**

"Biden will ban his senior presidential appointees from accepting special bonuses akin to ‘golden parachutes’ from former employers for joining the government,” Michael Scherer reports. "For departing administration employees, the Biden rules create a prohibition on lobbying the administration for at least the length of Biden’s term and add a one-year restriction on assisting lobbying efforts. That is an effort to crack down on lucrative ‘shadow lobbying’ jobs, in which former officials go to work at law firms to help guide lobbyists without making contact with government officials themselves. Existing law prevents senior appointees from appearing before their former agency for one year after leaving office, even in a non-lobbying capacity. Under the Biden rules, that prohibition will be extended to two years and include contact with senior White House officials. ... "

"For people coming to the government from the private sector, Biden will reimpose a ban on lobbyists going to work for agencies they had recently lobbied, unless they get a waiver from the White House counsel. Trump had removed that restriction when he came into office. Biden will also impose restrictions on registered foreign agents who seek jobs in the administration and will ban former officials from..."
working as foreign agents right after they leave office. ...

“The executive order on ethics will not address the issue of potential family conflicts of interest ... Biden has several family members involved in businesses that have potential interests in federal policy, including his son-in-law and campaign adviser Howard Krein, who helps to run a health-care start-up, and his brother-in-law John T. Owens, who owns a Delaware-based telemedicine company that markets itself as a solution amid pandemic restrictions, with medical second-opinion operations in Europe and Asia. Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, who previously worked for foreign companies and is facing a tax investigation by the Justice Department, has pledged not to work for foreign-owned companies during his father’s presidency.”

- North Korea’s Kim Jong Un appears to be taking steps toward a new test of a powerful submarine-launched missile, as he prepares to dial up pressure on the incoming administration. (Simon Denyer and Joby Warrick)
- Chuck Schumer and Mitch McConnell are nearing a power-sharing agreement to decide how the 50-50 chamber will operate. Under the tentative plan, Democrats will be in charge of setting the schedule but Republicans will likely hold an equal number of seats on committees, CNN reports.
- Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will speak at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool tonight to honor lives lost to covid. (Felicia Sonmez)
- Country star Garth Brooks, a Republican, will perform at Biden’s swearing-in ceremony. Brooks said it’s important for the country to unify. (Annie Linskey)

**Biden could usher in a new era of accountability for Silicon Valley.**

“The Trump administration put antitrust and regulation on the agenda, and they are likely to continue under the Biden administration. An overhaul of the rules governing tech is overdue: The cornerstone Internet regulation law, which shields companies from liability for content posted by users, will turn 25 years old this year and predates many of the most popular sites, apps and services,” Tony Romm, Elizabeth Dwoskin, Faiz Siddiqui, Eli Rosenberg, Cat Zakrzeski and Rachel Lerman report.
• Silicon Valley is already bracing for tougher regulations. (Romm and Dwoskin)

• Biden campaigned on making gig workers into employees. Now he has to convince Democrats. (Siddiqui and Rosenberg)

The security situation

• The security situation must immediately prioritize the expansion of broadband access and dismantle some of Trump's hallmark efforts to deregulate the Internet. (Zakrzewski and Romm)

• Section 230 has become a favorite Trump target, but the liability shield will get a more nuanced review under Biden. (Lerman)

• Government litigation could result in changes to Big Tech’s business practices, breakups or significant structural changes. (Zakrzewski)
QAnon adherents discuss posing as part of the National Guard to try infiltrating the inauguration.

"The FBI privately warned law enforcement agencies Monday that far-right
extremists have discussed posing as National Guard members in Washington and others have reviewed maps of vulnerable spots in the city — signs of potential efforts to disrupt Wednesday's inauguration," Carol Leonnig and Matt Zapotosky report. “The FBI also said it had observed people downloading and sharing maps of sensitive locations in Washington and discussing how those facilities could be used to interfere in security during the inauguration. But the intelligence briefing did not identify any specific plots to attack the inaugural events that would be akin to the Jan. 6 siege. ... National Guard members have been warned to watch for anyone in uniform who looks like they are out of place.”

The House’s security chief didn’t immediately call the National Guard because of lawmaker wariness.

“After nearly a decade working for the House of Representatives, the chamber’s top security official thought he knew how its political leadership would react if asked to station troops at the Capitol during a major rally supporting Trump. That’s why House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving balked when the chief of the Capitol Police suggested activating the National Guard two days before the Jan. 6 event, he later told a friend,” Rosalind Helderman, Beth Reinhard, Demirjian and Leonnig report. ““There’s a reality there — the leaders of the House and the Senate don’t want the military up there. They don’t want to show they can’t control their own turf,” said Bill Pickle, who served as the Senate sergeant-at-arms from 2003 to 2007 and spoke to The Post at Irving’s request. ... Irving did not consult first with his boss, [Pelosi], but thought he was reflecting her likely response, Pickle said.”

The FBI is probing possible connections between extremist groups at the heart of the insurrection.

“Though no one has been charged with leading or directing the violence, investigators are working to find out whether certain individuals helped coordinate aspects of the attack, before and during the chaos, or were merely opportunistic instigators,” Devlin Barrett and Spencer Hsu report. “The weekend arrests of people with alleged ties to extremist groups reflects the FBI’s increasing attention to the more prepared, organized and determined groups among the larger mass of rioters. One of those newly charged was Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colo."
Charging documents and videos indicate he may have links to the three extremist groups that have drawn the most attention from the FBI: the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers and Three Percenters.

- Federal authorities said they have arrested Capitol rioter Riley June Williams and are investigating claims from a “former romantic partner” she stole a laptop or hard drive from Pelosi’s office with the intent to sell it to Russian intelligence officers. The ex-partner told the FBI that friends of Williams played a video of her stealing the drive or computer from Pelosi’s office, and that Williams “intended to send the computer device to a friend in Russia, who then planned to sell the device to SVR,” according to charging documents. (Hsu and Knowles)

- Guy Reffitt of Texas allegedly threatened to kill his kids if they turned him into the FBI for joining the Capitol riot. “If you turn me in, you’re a traitor and you know what happens to traitors ... traitors get shot,” Reffitt, 48, said to his son and daughter, according to his wife, who alerted the bureau. (Jaclyn Peiser)

The Proud Boys and other fringe groups found refuge on a Christian fundraising website.

When Henry “Enrique” Tarrio, the leader of the Proud Boys, was detained and banned from D.C. as he drove into the city on the eve of the riot, his family members “had the idea to monetize the support of his online followers through GiveSendGo.com, a niche Christian fundraising website that bills itself as ‘a place to fund hope,’” Amy Brittain and David Willman report. “Within a week, the ‘Enrique Tarrio Defense Fund’ had amassed more than $113,000 from 2,359 donors, according to the site. Tarrio has pleaded not guilty. ‘It’s not just Proud Boys that are raising money there,’ Tarrio said in an interview Thursday, noting that his group’s chapters nationwide have used the site to fund their cause. ... A review by The Post shows that the self-described Christian website has become a refuge of sorts for outcasts and extremists ... The pleas for money illustrate how even small-dollar donations could make the trip to Washington possible for some Trump supporters.”

FEMA denied requests from Maryland and Virginia for an emergency declaration to cover expenses associated with responding to the Capitol riot and increasing
security because of the inauguration. FEMA’s decision — which both states plan to appeal — would mean they receive no federal funds for providing law enforcement backup amid the insurrection. (Fredrick Kunkle)

**Covid lockdowns, protests and election strife led to record gun sales.**

“More firearms were sold last year than in any previous year on record,” Marc Fisher, Mark Berman, Christine Spolar, Lori Rozsa and Andrew Ba Tran report. “Gun sales typically soar in the weeks following the election of a Democratic president, as buyers scurry to purchase firearms for fear that the new chief executive will fulfill campaign promises to tighten regulations. But a Washington Post analysis of gun sales in 2020 finds no such surge in recent weeks. Rather, purchases soared in March and April as the effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus led to food shortages, empty streets and millions of lost jobs. Then firearm sales peaked in July, in the weeks after massive protests against police brutality spread throughout the nation. ... The flood of gun sales — about 23 million over the course of the year — represents a 64 percent increase over 2019 sales ... The 2020 numbers include purchases by more than 8 million first-time buyers ... 

“Cherie Derequ, who owns a nail salon in suburban Pittsburgh, never owned a gun until last year. On Thursday, she bought her 11th firearm, a shotgun she plans to keep behind the front door of her home. Derequ, who said she spent her first stimulus check on guns, now packs a pistol in her purse and keeps another behind the cash register at her shop. She has been going to a range every couple of weeks to practice shooting and said she and her partner intend to keep buying firearms. ‘Until this passes, we are buying guns,’ Derequ, 52, said. ‘We’re buying ammo, and we’re buying as much as we can. We’re two women. We don’t have a guy at home. I don’t want to feel vulnerable without anything.’
After months of trauma, vaccinated health-care workers welcome a surprising emotion: Hope.

“For weeks, the long-term care facility where Linda Green works as a nurse looked to her like a battlefield hospital, swathed in plastic drapes separating the ill from the uninfected. The coronavirus ripped through the western Maryland facility like wildfire at the end of 2020, deepening Green’s fear that she, at 73, might bring the virus home to her husband, who is 84,” Karin Brulliard reports. “Then she received a coronavirus shot. It felt like any other vaccination, leaving her with mild upper arm soreness but no other physical side effects. The emotional effects, however, were remarkable. Even thinking of the vaccine, Green said two weeks after receiving the
Moderna shot, makes her practically ‘cry with relief’ ... ‘Now, when I go in and I’m putting on my N95, I think, “This may only be for a few more weeks,” said Green ...

“Although about 21 million health-care personnel are in the first group to be inoculated, many have not yet received the vaccine, and some remain hesitant. About 12.3 million shots have been administered nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ... On Monday, the nation stood on the brink of another pandemic milestone as the death toll approached 400,000 ... More than 151,000 new cases were reported Monday.”

- Biden will not immediately lift pandemic-related restrictions on international travel. “We plan to strengthen public health measures around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread,” said incoming White House press secretary Jennifer Psaki, responding to Trump’s proclamation that he would lift restrictions on travel from Brazil and much of Europe next week. (Sonmez)
- “Five prominent anti-vaccine organizations that have been known to spread misleading information about the coronavirus received more than $850,000 in loans from the federal Paycheck Protection Program,” Elizabeth Dwoskin and Aaron Gregg report.
- More than 1,400 new vaccination appointments in the District were snapped up in 25 minutes. (Katherine Shaver, Erin Cox and Jenna Portnoy)
- A California man who said he was scared to go home due to covid spent three months living in the Chicago airport, taking up residence between a Cinnabon and a shoe shine stand before authorities noticed. He faces charges of felony criminal trespassing and misdemeanor theft. (Antonia Farzan)

The virus destroyed a young man’s lungs. His foster mother had to decide whether to let him go.

“Covid-19 had destroyed Elenilson Orellana Garcia’s lungs. The 36-year-old teacher’s aide, known to friends and family as Nelson, was in his third month on life support and his condition had not improved,” Steve Thompson reports. “Doctors at MedStar Washington Hospital Center no longer believed he had the strength to get better. The machines, they said, were just prolonging his suffering. ... Doctors had to keep Orellana Garcia sedated and chemically paralyzed as they tried to hold his
oxygen levels steady. They said they had done all they could do and it was time to let him go. But [Saundra] Rogers wasn’t ready. She had mothered him since he turned up in her bilingual-education classroom in Washington, D.C., a scrawny 10-year-old fresh from El Salvador. Under her care, he had adjusted to a new world, learned English, graduated from high school, become a responsible adult. Many times before, she had refused to give up on him when others might have. ...

“Over the decades, Rogers had learned that motherhood meant doing hard things. She no longer believed that what she was doing was giving up. Rather, she thought, it was the last act of mothering she could give her son. ... On Jan. 6, Rogers was allowed a final visit to Orellana García’s hospital room. ... She held his hand and told him how proud she was of him and that it was okay to stop fighting. Behind her, they did something to the machines. He took several deep breaths, and then he was still.”

**Social media speed read**

The outgoing president has not been seen in public since he traveled to Texas a week ago:
On MLK Day, his daughter reminded Americans not to forget that Martin Luther King Jr. was not universally beloved during his lifetime:
A Central American boy who was traveling toward the U.S. in a migrant caravan interacts with police in Guatemala as their group was broken up by authorities:
Videos of the day
Seth Meyers said that the “rot” that Trump exposed in the GOP will remain in the party through his many defenders:
Stephen Colbert said Trump finally started a profitable family business with the way so many in his circle are profiting from pardon deals:
And Jimmy Kimmel says Trump’s low approval rating is actually quite good for someone who inspired an insurrection:
https://www.lawfareblog.com/how-could-law-enforcement-have-investigated-capitol-riot
From: The Washington Post
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Post Most: At Fox News, a post-election shake-up brings more opinion at the expense of news
To: Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI)
Sent: January 19, 2021 11:47 AM (UTC-05:00)

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At Fox News, a post-election shake-up brings more opinion at the expense of news

With viewership faltering since November, last year’s top-rated cable channel will try out pundits for a 7 p.m. slot once devoted to news. In the running: Maria Bartiromo.

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QAnon adherents discussed posing as National Guard to try to infiltrate inauguration, according to FBI intelligence briefing

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Please let us know if you have questions.

Kindly,

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Copy, thanks Mark.

https://www.lawarchblog.com/how-could-law-enforcement-have-investigated-capitol-riot
Dear Todd,

Ahead of Wednesday's inauguration of President-elect Biden, the streets of Washington D.C. and state capitals are heavily defended. Armed protesters surfaced outside government buildings in many states, including Texas, Michigan and Oregon.

ADL wants you to be well-informed so you can speak out against hate and the normalization of extremism.

This weekend, I went on 60 Minutes and our CEO, Jonathan Greenblatt was on the PBS News Hour. We discussed the dangerous new phase of American extremism we are now in, marked by the emergence of
a new breed of extremist that has been fed a steady diet of disinformation, lies and conspiracy theories.

They are mixing with established extremists and joined them in the deadly storming of the Capitol, which may have been the most predictable terrorist incident in modern American history.

We encourage you to watch these clips and to read our latest reports on the grave situation. We also hope you will visit our Center on Extremism page frequently for the latest information and analysis.

THE LATEST INFORMATION

- Center on Extremism homepage
- ADL on PBS News Hour (Jan. 15): A Look at the Rhetoric
- ADL on 60 Minutes (Jan. 17): Against All Enemies
- Far-Right Extremists Memorialize “Martyr” Ashli Babbitt
- Doxing Should Be Illegal, Reporting Extremists Should Not
- How Platforms Can Stem Abuses of Livestreaming After the Storming of the Capitol
- Furious Extremists Call for More Violence Around Inauguration Day
• Anti-Israel Groups and Activists Link Capitol Hill Rioters with Israel and her Supporters

• Extremism and Political Violence in America: Current Landscape, Future Outlook

• The Dangers of Disinformation (a guide for families and educators)

You can play an important role in providing accurate information and analysis to your communities — friends, families, coworkers — so conspiracy theories and misinformation have a harder time getting a foothold.

Stay safe.

Cren Segal
VP of Center on Extremism
ADL
So you are tracking.

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Joe, Erin M. (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:44 PM

To: Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI)

Cc: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)

Subject: RE: Sitrep question

Thank you all for helping us get the information to the PSCs. We are preparing that communication to them now.

Erin

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Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:27 PM

To: Virmani, Sanjay (CTD) (FBI)

Cc: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)

Subject: Re: Sitrep question

SC Hardiman, do you have any issue with me sharing this with our private sector coordinators in the field offices, with a caveat that we are looking to provide more detail if possible. I would rather not wait until our sitrep which does not come out until the morning.

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Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI)

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 13:15

To: Virmani, Sanjay (CTD) (FBI)

Cc: Hwang, Sandrea L. (CTD) (DET)

Subject: Re: Sitrep question

No issue sharing with the PSCs.
Hardiman, Kellie M. (DI) (FBI) Buckley, Lawrence D. Jr. (IB) (FBI)

Subject: Re: Sitrep question

All,

Here is what was in the 18 January NC3 SITREP:

I just spoke with DI SC Kellie Hardiman (copied) who advised that Lawrence Buckley (also copied) is attempting to run this down a bit further. My hope is we can add more clarifying information to tonight’s OPE SITREP, in the hopes of tamping this down.

I hope this helps. Thanks,

From: Virmani, Sanjay (SF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:58
To: Joe, Erin M. (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Hwang, Sandrea L. (CTD) (DET)
Subject: Re: Sitrep question

So, we are getting lots of requests for details. I am not sure what we have found out as of yet, but we may want to send something out to the PSCs letting them know that if a company has not been officially notified then it may not pertain to them. Or, something of the sort.
Hi and Erin,

Thanks for the message. Yes we are aware of it and trying to track that down on our end. Copying in SC Sandrea Hwang who is looking into that from CTD.

Thanks,
Sanjay

Erin we have received a couple of questions about the following entry in our Sitrep:

This was derived from OPE Sitrep, so I know they will not have any further information regarding the details.

I was wondering if you could reach out to the DI SC in charge of the main CP product and see if there is any further information that we can share regarding this bullet. This way I can go back to those PSCs and let them know what we can find out for them.

Sanjay, I wasn't sure if you were aware of this bullet or if you had any further information?
Paul,

I have a bit of an update for you. Please give me a call when you have a minute.

Thanks,
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Jesse Levine
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Very disappointing. This is what happens...

Steven M. D'Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office

This is so disappointing.

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From: Levine, Jesse (CD) (FBI)
Subject: FW: Pelosi Lap Top
To: Kohler, Alan E. Jr. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: January 19, 2021 2:33 PM (UTC-05:00)

Working on getting more info but teams are tracking and talking.

From: Riedlinger, Anthony T. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Feinberg, Matthew A. (CD) (FBI); Levine, Jesse (CD) (FBI)
Subject: Pelosi Lap Top

Tony Riedlinger
Section Chief
Counterintelligence Division

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Copy all thanks

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Stacey and I spoke and there are actions taking to sort out the details. Since this is currently in the unclassified realm, please coordinate a conference call with who is the lead for and reachable via cell phone, to talk through some of the details and planned next steps. I am at LX-1 and currently available at to discuss what I know.

Please let me know once you all have had a chance to discuss and have a some baseline plan.
Thanks
I spoke with regarding

I am available to discuss further if needed.

Matthew A. Feinberg, Chief
Global Counterintelligence Section
Federal Bureau of Investigation

On Jan 19, 2021 3:05 PM, "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)" wrote:
Non-classified

From: Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Feinberg, Matthew A. (CD) (FBI)
Levine, Jesse (CD) (FBI)

Subject: RE

I've discussed with who's working on getting in touch with It is important we follow standard procedure on this, so believes has the standard eleven questions for to address.

On Jan 19, 2021 2:36 PM, "Feinberg, Matthew A. (CD) (FBI)" wrote:
I am available to discuss further if needed.

Matthew A. Feinberg, Chief
Global Counterintelligence Section
Federal Bureau of Investigation

On Jan 19, 2021 3:05 PM, "Moy, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)" wrote:
Non-classified -
Scott Hinckley is synched in with Doug
Copy, thank you.

Regards,

James Smith
Chief of Staff
FBI - Office of the Associate Deputy Director

On Jan 9, 2021 6:27 PM, "Leff, Douglas A. (INSD) (FBI)" wrote:

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Doug
Copy, thank you Doug.

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Doug
Dave,
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Date: Jan 9, 2021 6:27 PM
To: "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
Cc: "Smith, James H. (DO) (FBI)"
Subject: Scott Hinckley is synched in with
From: Sallet, Jeffrey S. (HRB) (FBI)
Subject: 
To: Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI); Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)
Cc: Knapp, Larissa L. (SecD) (FBI)
Sent: January 9, 2021 6:51 PM (UTC-05:00)

Bosses
Just spoke with Larissa. All are coordinating. Desarno
Will keep you posted.
VR
Jeff

On Jan 9, 2021 6:44 PM, "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)" wrote:
Dave,
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Date: Jan 9, 2021 6:27 PM
Subject: 
To: "Abbate, Paul M. (DO) (FBI)"
Cc: "Hensle, Michael E. (INSD) (FBI)"

Scott Hinckley is synched in with Doug
Thanks Paul

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From: Wray, Christopher A. (DO) (FBI) b6 -1,3
Subject: Fwd b7A -1
To: b7¢ -1,3
Cc: b7E -1,2,5
Sent: January 10, 2021 2:25 PM (UTC-05:00)

Thanks. Please make sure we move briskly to get the facts on this & can take any appropriate action.

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On Jan 9, 2021 9:35 PM, "Bowdich, David L. (DO) (FBI)" wrote:

Boss,

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Will do.

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Colleagues,

In this email:

- Protest Guidance
- FBI Seeking Information Related to Violent Activity on Capitol Hill
- GSA Presidential Transition Directory
- OPM Guidance
- COVID-19 Update

PROTEST GUIDANCE

Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are planned at all 50 state capitals and the US Capitol. There is an expressed threat to storm government offices in every state on Inauguration Day, January 20. As a reminder, employees should stay informed of local events, always remain vigilant, and take the below actions when a protest or demonstration is near your facility or when an employee is within the vicinity of a protest at other locations.

What To Do

Report suspicious activity at Federal buildings to FPS MegaCenter: 301-763-0126

- Report other suspicious activity to 911

- Enter/Exit through locations away from the demonstration

- Do not stand by windows or doors

- Do not watch the protest; continue on your daily routine unless instructed otherwise

- Do not interact with protesters

- Avoid confrontation

- Eat lunch or take breaks outside the presence of protesters
Consider taking lunch or breaks outside the scheduled protest times

Ensure your PIV Card is displayed at all times while inside

Do not visibly display your PIV Card while outside

Ensure that visitors to our facilities are appropriately vetted and escorted at all times

Review the actions you would personally take in response to an emergency event

Report suspicious activity immediately to the appropriate authority for your location.

For support, reach out to your Employee Assistance Program

Examples of suspicious activity:

- Individual(s) loitering in an unusual place

- Individual(s) wearing clothes inconsistent with the weather

- Individual(s) behaving nervously, sweating profusely, acting agitated

- Vehicle idling or revving engine in the middle of the street pointing in the direction of large crowds

- People drawing or measuring important buildings

- Strangers asking questions about security or building security procedures

- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left unattended

- A vehicle left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings

- Intruders in secure areas where they are not supposed to be
Chemical smells or fumes

- People asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

**FBI SEEKING INFORMATION RELATED TO VIOLENT ACTIVITY ON CAPITOL HILL**

The FBI is seeking information that will assist in identifying individuals who are actively instigating violence in Washington, DC. The FBI is accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting and violence in the U.S. Capitol Building and surrounding area in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021.

If you have witnessed unlawful violent actions, we urge you to submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant at fbi.gov/USCapitol.

Please use this form to submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed. Our goal is to preserve the public’s constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity.

https://tips.fbi.gov/digitalmedia/aad1b431a3e80f02

You may also call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) to verbally report tips and/or information related to this investigation.

**GSA PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION DIRECTORY**

Get connected to the people helping to plan and design our next federal government. This directory will provide information and resources related to that effort.

https://www.gsa.gov/governmentwide-initiatives/presidential-transition-directory

**OPM GUIDANCE**

*Higher Annual Leave Carryover Limit*

This memorandum provides guidance on implementing the higher annual leave carryover limit which was enacted on January 1, 2021.

The Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) was authorized to establish, for Executive branch employees, a higher annual leave carryover limit—125 percent of the limit that would otherwise apply to a given employee—to be applied at the beginning of the 2021 leave year (January 3, 2021 for most employees).

https://www.chcoc.gov/content/higher-annual-leave-carryover-limit-under-section-1111-national-defense-authorization-act

*Moratorium on SES Qualifications Review Board (QRB) Cases – Presidential Election Year 2020.*

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) may suspend the processing of an agency’s SES Qualifications Review Board (QRB) cases when the head of an agency departs or announces his or her departure. This is done to ensure the incoming head of the agency will have the full opportunity to exercise his or her prerogative to make or approve executive resources decisions that will impact the agency’s performance during his or her tenure. To that end, OPM has imposed a moratorium on the processing of a particular agency’s SES QRB cases when the head of that agency departs for any reason, effective immediately upon the effective date of his or her departure.

https://www.chcoc.gov/content/governmentwide-moratorium-senior-executive-service-sees-qualifications-review-board-qr

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Illinois COVID-19 Vaccination Planning Information
https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccination-plan
https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq

Key References and Resources:
Transportation:
CTA
- "1." Route System Status and Bus Status
- CTA Ridership Dashboards
- CDC Guidance for health protection while using transportation

Metra
- Service Alerts
- Train ridership dashboard

Pace
- Passenger Notices
- Live Map
- Live Departure Time
- Bus tracking options

Chicago Schools:
- CPS Reopening Framework 2021
- Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools
- Schools with Potential COVID-19 Exposures
- Illinois Board of Education
- U.S. Department of Education

Guidelines and Phases:
City of Chicago
- City of Chicago Reopening Guidelines and Current Phase
  - Chicago General COVID Guidance
  - City of Chicago COVID dashboard
  - Stay-at-Home Advisory
  - Emergency Travel Order Exemptions

State of Illinois
- Regional Phase Dashboard
- Restore Illinois (Phase IV)

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Shannon Bailey
Program Support Specialist
Chicago Public Health Program

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the "FEB Managers" group.
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To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to febmanagers-unsubscribe@gsa.gov.
When you’re free, we have to talk about this. Acting AG getting questions about it. Thanks.

Marc Raimondi  
Acting Director of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

Begin forwarded message:

FBI Norfolk is releasing this situational information report to raise law enforcement awareness regarding the potential for violence in the Washington D.C. area in connection with a planned “Stop The Steal” protest on 6 January 2021.

As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to the protests to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington, D.C.
UAPES FB Comment. Individuals/Organizations named in this SER have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law. However, based on known intelligence and/or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.
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BLM is likely a reference to the Black Lives Matter movement for racial justice. Pantifa is a derogatory term for antifa, a far-left anti-fascist movement whose adherents sometimes engage in violent clashes with right-wing extremists.

Yet even with that information in hand, the report’s unidentified author expressed concern that the FBI might be encroaching on free speech rights.

The warning is the starkest evidence yet of the sizable intelligence failure that preceded the mayhem, which claimed the lives of five people, although one law enforcement official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to avoid disciplinary action, said the failure was not one of intelligence but of acting on the intelligence.

An FBI official familiar with the document said that within 45 minutes of learning about the alarming online conversation, the Norfolk FBI office wrote the report and shared it with others within the bureau. It was not immediately clear how many law enforcement agencies outside the FBI were told, but the information was briefed to FBI officials at the bureau’s Washington field office the day before the attack, this official said.

The official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss ongoing investigations, added that the report was raw intelligence and that at the time it was written, the FBI did not know the identities of those making the online statements.
The FBI already faces tough questions about why it was not more attuned to what was being discussed in public Internet conversations in the days leading up to the attack, and why the bureau and other agencies seemed to do little to prepare for the possibility of mass violence.

The document notes that the information represents the view of the FBI’s Norfolk office, is not to be shared outside law enforcement circles, that it is not “finally evaluated intelligence,” and that agencies that receive it “are requested not to take action based on this raw reporting without prior coordination with the FBI.”

Multiple law enforcement officials have said privately in recent days that the level of violence exhibited at the Capitol has led to difficult discussions within the FBI and other agencies about race, terrorism, and whether investigators failed to register the degree of danger because the overwhelming majority of the participants at the rally were White conservatives fiercely loyal to the President Trump.

“Individuals/Organizations named in this [situational information report] have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,” the document says. “Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law.

“However,” it continues, “based on known intelligence and/or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record to be made of the protected activity.”

The document notes that one online comment advised, “if Antifa or BLM get violent, leave them dead in the street,” while another said they need “people on standby to provide supplies, including water and medical, to the front lines. The individual also discussed the need to evacuate noncombatants and wounded to medical care.”

On Jan. 6, a large, angry crowd of people who had attended a nearby rally marched to the Capitol, smashing windows and breaking down doors to get inside. One woman in the mob was shot and killed by a Capitol Police officer; officials said three others in the crowd died from medical emergencies. Another Capitol police officer died after suffering injuries.

On Friday, the head of the FBI’s Washington Field Office, Steven D’Antuono, told reporters “there was no indication” of anything planned for the day of Trump’s rally “other than First Amendment-protected activity.” D’Antuono added, “we worked diligently with our partners on this.”

The FBI said in a statement that its “standard practice is to not comment on specific intelligence products,” but added that FBI field offices “routinely share information with their local law enforcement partners to assist in protecting the communities they serve.”

The FBI did not detail specifically who saw the document before the mob attack on Congress or what, if anything, was done in response.

For weeks leading up to the event, FBI officials discounted any suggestion that the protest of pro-Trump supporters upset about the scheduled certification of Joe Biden’s election could be a security threat on a scale with racial justice protests last summer in the wake of George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis police custody.

While the nation’s capital is one of the most heavily guarded cities on the planet, local and federal law enforcement agencies sought to take a low-key approach to last week’s event, publicly and privately expressing concerns that they did not want to repeat the ugly clashes between protesters and police last year.

Some law enforcement officials took the view that pro-Trump protesters are generally known for over-the-top rhetoric but not much violence, and therefore the event did not pose a particularly grave risk, according to people familiar with the security discussions leading up to Jan. 6.
Even so, there were warning signs, though none as stark as the one from the FBI’s Norfolk office.

FBI agents had in the weeks before the Trump rally visited suspected extremists hoping to glean whether they had violent intentions, a person familiar with the matter said, though it was not immediately clear who was visited or if the FBI was specifically tracking anyone who would later be charged criminally. These visits were first reported Sunday by NBC News.

In addition, in the days leading up to the demonstration, some Capitol Hill staffers were told by supervisors to not come into work that day, if possible, because it seemed the danger level would be higher than a lot of prior protests, according to a person familiar with the warning. Capitol Police did not take the kind of extra precautions, such as frozen zones and hardened barriers, that are typically used in major events around the Capitol.

Now, the Justice Department and federal agents are scrambling to identify and arrest those responsible for last week’s violence, in part because there is already significant online discussion of new potential clashes Sunday and again on Jan. 20 when Biden will be inaugurated.

Federal agents remain in a state of high-alert in the days leading up to the inauguration as authorities brace for possible violence not just in Washington, but around the country, officials said.

The FBI recently issued a different memo saying that “armed protests” were being planned “at all 50 state capitols” and in D.C. in the days leading up to the inauguration, according to an official familiar with the matter, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive law enforcement matter.

The memo — first reported on by ABC News and later confirmed by The Washington Post — is a raw intelligence product, compiling information gathered by the bureau and several other government agencies, an official said. Some of it is unverified, and the threat is likely to differ significantly from place to place, the official said.

But the data it highlights to law enforcement are nonetheless troubling — including that there was information suggesting people might storm government offices, or stage an uprising were Trump to be removed from office, the official said.

In a statement, the FBI declined to comment specifically on the memo about state capitols but said: “Our efforts are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. As we do in the normal course of business, we are gathering information to identify any potential threats and are sharing that information with our partners.

“The FBI respects the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights,” it continues. “Our focus is not on peaceful protesters, but on those threatening their safety and the safety of other citizens with violence and destruction of property.”
Can you pls send DAG and me this article.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)"

Date: January 12, 2021 at 2:35:34 PM EST
To: "Raimondi, Marc (PAO)" <marc.raimondi@usdoj.gov>
Subject: Please send this article


Richard P. Donoghue
Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
I may be overindexing, but isn’t it OPS’s role to coord within FBI on this?

From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:57 PM  
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)  
Cc: Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

Hi Mike,

I’m looping Pat here, as he mentioned CTD is also hearing from partners.

All of the daily intel flow going into Sit Reps, whether the FBI internal one or the OPE one is at the U//RS level or below. Jim Hurley can be more explicit based on the process OPE uses to convert the internal into the partner version, but in essence, that version offers substantive information at the unclass level for what the current environment is. In other words, a classified briefing isn’t necessary to gain a good sense of the current threat environment.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Defer to Jim for status of being able to push OPE version as FOUO; but from our view, that would be fine. Or separately, OPS could do an U//ROO version of the SitRep.

Thanks,
Pam

Ok Pam. I think anything would help.
So, not wanting to assume, are you telling me that should contact the Aviation folks and advise? Thanks again....Mike

From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:43 PM  
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)  
Cc: Hurley, James B. Jr. (OPE) (FBI); Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

Mike, apologies but I’ve been back and forth to the CP and in meetings, so am just seeing this now.

I had a conversation with Pat Reddan, DAD in CTD, earlier and he suggested - and I agree - that flipping the OPE Sit Rep to an U/FOS v. U/AES document could do a lot to solve the info flow with private sector partners. I see no reason this cannot be done and am including Jim Hurley here for his thoughts. If OPE agrees, that could start as early as this evening. I think Pat may have been contacting Jim, too, to discuss.

Pam

From: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 1:57 PM  
To: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
Cc: Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

Pam:  
keeps getting pinged by the aviation folks. He has been holding them off by advising them that we’re checking for any classified products. Any updates would be appreciated. we will brief them at that time.

Thanks!.....Mike

From: Byron, Pamela (DI) (FBI)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:11 AM  
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI) 
Cc: Young, Ryan T. (DI) (FBI); Reddan, Patrick E. Jr. (CTD) (FBI); Gilhooly, Brian T. (CTD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

Mike,  

I’m cc’ing DADs Pat Reddan and Brian Gilhooly from CTD who may know anything recently shared with airline partners out of CTD or have thoughts on how to handle.

If nothing else, the content of the OPE sitreps could be a starting point and I know that CTD also has a JIB in the works.

Pam

FBI(21cv558)-3634
On Jan 12, 2021 7:01 AM, "Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)" wrote:

Let me know what you think about this request. Do we have any classified equities to provide to the airlines or do they have everything that we have thus far? Thanks!......Mike

From: Nykamp, Nancy
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:38 PM
To: Sullivan, Michael (IB) (FBI)
Cc: Byron, Pamela (D1) (FBI)
Mayenschein, Eddid
Newhouse, Victoria
Froemling, Hao-y Tran
Beattie, John
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

Mike, Pam and

Kind regards, Nancy

Nancy A. Nykamp
Assistant Administrator
Intelligence & Analysis
TSA, DHS
703-445- [office]
[mobile1]
[mobile2]
[24/7 Watch]

From: Nykamp, Nancy
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 8:47 PM
To:
Cc: Nykamp, Nancy
Beattie,

Subject: Request for U.S. airline classified briefing

FBI(21cv558)-3635
Thanks Rich

On Jan 12, 2021 3:46 PM, "Donoghue, Richard (ODAG)" wrote:

See WaPo article below.

From: Li, Kai (PAO) <ki@imd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Raimondi, Marc (PAO) <mraimondi@imd.usdoj.gov>; Donoghue, Richard (ODAG);
Cc: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) <mdclark@imd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: RE: Please send this article

Here’s the article:

1/12 FBI report warned of ‘war’ at Capitol, contradicting claim there was no indication of looming violence
Washington Post
Devlin Barrett, Matt Zapotosky

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FBI(21cv558)-3881
The official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss ongoing investigations, added that the report was raw intelligence and that at the time it was written, the FBI did not know the identities of those making the online statements.

The FBI already faces tough questions about why it was not more attuned to what was being discussed in public Internet conversations in the days leading up to the attack, and why the bureau and other agencies seemed to do little to prepare for the possibility of mass violence.

The document notes that the information represents the view of the FBI's Norfolk office, is not to be shared outside law enforcement circles, that it is not "finally evaluated intelligence," and that agencies that receive it "are requested not to take action based on this raw reporting without prior coordination with the FBI."

Multiple law enforcement officials have said privately in recent days that the level of violence exhibited at the Capitol has led to difficult discussions within the FBI and other agencies about race, terrorism, and whether investigators failed to register the degree of danger because the overwhelming majority of the participants at the rally were White conservatives fiercely loyal to the President Trump.

"Individuals/Organizations named in this [situational information report] have been identified as participating in activities that are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," the document says. "Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law.

"However," it continues, "based on known intelligence and/or specific historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record to be made of the protected activity."

The document notes that one online comment advised, "if Antifa or BLM get violent, leave them dead in the street," while another said they need "people on standby to provide supplies, including water and medical, to the front lines. The individual also discussed the need to evacuate noncombatants and wounded to medical care."

On Jan. 6, a large, angry crowd of people who had attended a nearby rally marched to the Capitol, smashing windows and breaking down doors to get inside. One woman in the mob was shot and killed by a Capitol Police officer; officials said three others in the crowd died from medical emergencies. Another Capitol police officer died after suffering injuries.

On Friday, the head of the FBI's Washington Field Office, Steven D'Antuono, told reporters "there was no indication" of anything planned for the day of Trump's rally "other than First Amendment-protected activity." D'Antuono added, "we worked diligently with our partners on this."

The FBI said in a statement that its "standard practice is not to comment on specific intelligence products," but added that FBI field offices "routinely share information with their local law enforcement partners to assist in protecting the communities they serve."

The FBI did not detail specifically who saw the document before the mob attack on Congress or what, if anything, was done in response.

For weeks leading up to the event, FBI officials discounted any suggestion that the protest of pro-Trump supporters upset about the scheduled certification of Joe Biden's election could be a security threat on a scale with racial justice protests last summer in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis police custody.

While the nation's capital is one of the most heavily guarded cities on the planet, local and federal law enforcement agencies sought to take a low-key approach to last week's event, publicly and privately expressing concerns that they
did not want to repeat the ugly clashes between protesters and police last year.

Some law enforcement officials took the view that pro-Trump protesters are generally known for over-the-top rhetoric but not much violence, and therefore the event did not pose a particularly grave risk, according to people familiar with the security discussions leading up to Jan. 6.

Even so, there were warning signs, though none as stark as the one from the FBI's Norfolk office.

FBI agents had in the weeks before the Trump rally visited suspected extremists hoping to glean whether they had violent intentions, a person familiar with the matter said, though it was not immediately clear who was visited or if the FBI was specifically tracking anyone who would later be charged criminally. These visits were first reported Sunday by NBC News.

In addition, in the days leading up to the demonstration, some Capitol Hill staffers were told by supervisors to not come into work that day, if possible, because it seemed the danger level would be higher than a lot of prior protests, according to a person familiar with the warning. Capitol Police did not take the kind of extra precautions, such as frozen zones and hardened barriers, that are typically used in major events around the Capitol.

Now, the Justice Department and federal agents are scrambling to identify and arrest those responsible for last week's violence, in part because there is already significant online discussion of new potential clashes Sunday and again on Jan. 20 when Biden will be inaugurated.

Federal agents remain in a state of high-alert in the days leading up to the inauguration as authorities brace for possible violence not just in Washington, but around the country, officials said.

The FBI recently issued a different memo saying that “armed protests” were being planned “at all 50 state capitals” and in D.C. in the days leading up to the inauguration, according to an official familiar with the matter, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive law enforcement matter.

The memo — first reported on by ABC News and later confirmed by The Washington Post — is a raw intelligence product, compiling information gathered by the bureau and several other government agencies, an official said. Some of it is unverified, and the threat is likely to differ significantly from place to place, the official said.

But the data it highlights to law enforcement are nonetheless troubling — including that there was information suggesting people might storm government offices, or stage an uprising were Trump to be removed from office, the official said.

In a statement, the FBI declined to comment specifically on the memo about state capitals but said: “Our efforts are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals that are inciting violence and engaging in criminal activity. As we do in the normal course of business, we are gathering information to identify any potential threats and are sharing that information with our partners.

“The FBI respects the rights of individuals to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights,” it continues. “Our focus is not on peaceful protesters, but on those threatening their safety and the safety of other citizens with violence and destruction of property.”

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From: Clark, Melissa D. (PAO) <mclark@司法部.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Li, Kael (PAO) <kli@司法部.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Please send this article

Can you grab this for Marc?
Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Raimondi, Marc (PAO)" <mraimondi@jmd.usdoj.gov>
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To: "Clark, Melissa D. (PAO)" <mclark@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Please send this article

Can you pls send DAG and me this article.

Marc Raimondi
Acting Director of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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Date: January 12, 2021 at 2:35:34 PM EST
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Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
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Hey all it's looking like we will not be needed on this today. Thanks for standing by.

On Dec 22, 2020 1:58 PM, wrote:
Hey See below FYI. Please keep your phones close today. Not sure if we will be called upon, but please be ready.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Dec 22, 2020 1:50 PM
Subject: Re TTL Guardian
To: WFO FOUO

please see the attached TTL Guardian do various politicians and members of the USG.

Can you please let me know which packages have been received and where it was delivered.

can you please let me know the status of your duty team in case these need to be collected.
Let me know if you're interested.

V/R

SS:

WFO:

202-278-2000

-------------- Forwarded message --------------

From:

Date: Jan 4, 2021 8:36 PM

Subject: Forwarded message

To:

Cc: "Moy, Stacey R (WF/FBI)

Correnty

Please get me your names ASAP. Thank you and hopefully it will not be needed.

Regards,


Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington Field Office

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Folks

We just had a call with the ADR/SACs.

Otherwise, no other direction/guidance for remaining agents working some other matters. Please canvass our folks.

Thanks in advance and hopefully it will not be needed.
From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:45 PM  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: FW: INFO ALERT: Suspicious Package near US Capitol

Copy. Thanks

V/R

SSA
WFO
202-278-2000

On Jan 6, 2021 1:41 PM, [Redacted] wrote:
Fyi my

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No reason to think

V/R

SS
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202-278-2000

FROM: May, Stacey R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2021 11:06 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: INFO

FYSA

 THIS IS A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION. PLEASE NOTIFY FBI POLICE OF THIS INFORMATION.

SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT OF THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FBI(21-cv-572)-8187
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 12:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021

All - it looks like normal street closures. No asks from WFO at this point and I don't see any impact on our normal operations.

V/R

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI/WFO
202-278-8190

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 12:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
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Subject: Fwd: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021

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Thanks,

From: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Date: Jan 4, 2021 11:22 AM
Subject: Fw: SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: Traffic Advisory - Street Closures and Parking Restrictions in downtown DC Jan 5 - 7, 2021

To: "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI) "Dawson, James A. (WF) (FBI) "Alcocke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI) "Oneil, Christine L. (WF) (FBI) "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
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To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)

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To: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: [Redacted]

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: SIO
Date: Jan 4, 2021 8:56 AM

FBI(21-cv-572)-8190
Agents - this is the clearest guidance I’ve seen so far.

Analysts - continue to take direction from your ID chain of command.

I removed the clutter:

They have not made a call.

So please have them continue to be available as needed.

Go with the one forwarded earlier, but realize the ones above were not on that list - so stand by.

Thanks,

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

FBI(21-cv-572)-8193
To anyone at WFO, I spoke with [Redacted] and will be taking [Redacted] I will be leaving here within the next 15 minutes so please shoot me an email or give me a call if you want to tag along.

Data Analyst
FBI-WFO

coming out shortly.

provide availability.
From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 10:42 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: Coverage

You’re the best! Will do.

On Jan 5, 2021 10:40 AM, [Redacted] wrote:

Hey, [Redacted]

Thanks so much for taking my shift tomorrow. I work so this week has been really crazy, and I appreciate the help.

My squad has been asked and I have been scheduled Would you be able to also cover for me for these times?

I totally understand if that’s not doable as you are already massively helping me tomorrow, but I figured I’d reach out.

Let me know!
Thanks.

[Redacted]
Ok, the only exception is who will

Get some sleep and plan to work that shift tomorrow. If you want to come in earlier to address other work you can.

Ill let you know and we can all work a (somewhat) normal day.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks

V/R

SSA
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On Jan 6, 2021 6:49 PM, wrote:

I don't have an answer yet on our status for tomorrow. My goal is to have that before we go to bed.

Right now

More to follow.

V/R

SSA
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On Jan 6, 2021 6:49 PM, wrote:

The SAC just spoke with me as of now, is running that down now. Otherwise:

Thanks,

On Jan 6, 2021 6:24 PM, wrote:

Just passing along what I gathered...
See below. Have cold weather gear, water and easily carried food. We may have an outdoor mission instead.

Will keep you posted as we learn more, thanks.

From me: we'll stick to our previous plan... and stand by while I try to get an answer on that one. Thanks.

Also, ADIC and SACs meeting now. Hope to have some info on shift status before it gets really late.

FBI Washington Field Office

On Jan 6, 2021 8:20 PM, [name] wrote:

Also, ADIC and SACs meeting now. Hope to have some info on shift status before it gets really late.
ALCON,

There is nothing significant to report at this time. There are still a lot of people milling about in the city but they have been civil. Tomorrow could be another story so make sure cell phone and hand held radios are charged and you have your gear ready to go in case we get called out.

Next briefing is at 2200 or 10PM.

Vfr,

SA
Need to work has been added.

Comments: Need to work

Team requesting coverage for

Team Member Requirement: Any Team Member

Start Date and Time

End Date and Time

Person Covering:
Need to work has been changed.
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All,

Attached is an intel brief pushed out for Saturday. Some partners already have it, so I apologize if it's a duplicate.

Thanks and stay safe,

SA
Task Force Officer
FBI/TTIF

On Dec 8, 2020 12:30 PM, wrote:

Hi Saturday Team! I created distribution list which we can easily share intelligence back and forth leading up to and the day of December 12.

Thank you,

Supervisory Intelligence Analyst
FBI Washington Field Office
As per your request, here is the Guardian report we just ran. It has a different sheet as the one you had. We are in contact with the FBI to figure out what that means exactly but for purposes of counting, we believe the sheet below is correct.

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Supervisory Intelligence Analyst

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From: bic
Sent: Tuesday January 5, 2021 5:38 PM
To: 
Cc: Alcock, Matthew R. (OPE) (FBI)
Subject: FW: FBINET to UNET Uploaded Files
FYSA:

There is a MPD call tomorrow in which I should know more.

Thank you.

Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAB] - January 6th Event

Good Morning All,

I'm sure most of you are aware of this by now but it looks like we are going to have
I made a few grammatical changes to the below otherwise I think this answers the tasking. Let me know your thoughts and which of us is submitting to EM.

Good morning! Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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The following information is current as of 3 January 2021 at 0800. This is for FBI internal use only.
Good morning,

Please see below regarding highlights from today’s coordination call. Let me know if you have any questions!

V/R,

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Subject: Updates from Today’s Coordination Call

Good morning

Here are some highlights from today’s coordination call regarding the 6 January events:

Overall Highlights:

- There is anticipated for large numbers at the 6th January event, especially as POTUS has discussed and promoted it.
- POTUS is expected to arrive in DC on 1 January and then a trip to Atlanta on 4 Jan; it does not appear at this time that he or the family was invited to these events or will attend.
- Anticipated WMATA stations to see increase in ridership are Metro Center, Gallery Place, and Union Station; this is based on similar events from 12 December.

Next (tentatively) scheduled call will be 4 January at 1330.
I hope this helps!

V/R,

Intelligence Analyst | FBI | Washington Field Office
Liaison Officer
Desk
Samuel
House
From: — —
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer Leigh (SecD) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: Rey fontract

I havent seen anything yet but ill keep an eye out and let you know.

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On Jan 1, 2021 4:59 PM, "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)" wrote:

Would you mind confirming we are getting our sign ins?

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) FBI
Date: Jan 1, 2021 4:34 PM
Subject: Rel kontract
To: "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)
Cc: "Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)

Steve,

My team has been working with the company today. WFO has been prioritized first so your existing users of the will start getting their new accounts today. The whole FBI should have them by Wednesday, but your team should be in access by tomorrow.

J

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On Dec 31, 2020 5:22 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" wrote:

Thanks Jonathan, I'm not trying to beat on the messenger called and told me how this all went down. It seems that and it came as a surprise to us this morning.

Happy New Year

Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington Field Office
On Dec 31, 2020 4:11 PM, "Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)" wrote:
Please believe me that I get it and I'm happy to share context about how we got here on the phone at some point. The award happened last night at 5pm, so before then, we had no ability to roll out new accounts. My guys are doing everything we can, but it is all running through FFD's contracting officer and a lot of the timeline is out of our hands. Not an excuse - just the reality of how this shook out.

On Dec 31, 2020 4:09 PM, "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" wrote:
Thanks Jonathan but this is extremely concerning for us in the field. We need the sign ons this weekend to effectively do our jobs. I understand you guys have done everything you can but we just received this email this morning. I'll cross my fingers and toes that the company that we are paying for a service starting January 1st can get us sign ons for their service by this weekend. Doesn't make sense to me.

Steven M. D’Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
FBI - Washington Field Office

From: Moffa, Jonathan C. (OCIO) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 3:41 PM
To: D’Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)
Cc: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: contract

Steve,

The new contract goes into effect tonight and the new sign-ons for the new tool should be available as soon as the company gets the instructions out to users. We are hoping that could happen today, but since the new contract hasn't started, there is no guarantee. We've done everything we can on our end to get the new accounts fielded fast, so my hope is your teams will have them before Jan. 6 and definitely before Jan. 20.

The ADD made the decision in consultation with FFD not to bridge the and he is very much aware of the situation. That wasn't a call made by OCIO since this is funded by the enterprise. There is a 10 day period for companies to protest, but that hasn't happened yet.

Hopefully if there is a gap it is a short one.

J

On Dec 31, 2020 3:27 PM, "D’Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" wrote:
Hey Jonathan,
Hope all is well with you. We saw the emails today about the contract and we have some serious concerns that I'd like to see if you can answer.

1. Our analytical cadre did not receive the sign ons. There is a large concern regarding familiarity with the new system. Per email, it sounded like we should already have been given the new sign ons. When can we expect to get them since we don't have them?

2. A repeated comment in the emails has been that assuming the contract isn't protested. What happens if it is protested? When will we know if it is being protested? Will we be left with nothing if it is protested? What is your contingency plan in that event?

Please let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

Steven M. D'Antuono
Assistant Director in Charge
FBI – Washington Field Office
Ok sounds good

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On Jan 3, 2021 3:35 PM wrote:

Let’s wait till after the SAC meeting tomorrow. We may need to sanitize the non-pertinent info before releasing to partners if that’s the direction the SACs decide we will take.

"Sent from Samsung Email"

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

On Jan 3, 2021 3:42 PM wrote:

Lin literally sent an email to the SACs on this very topic since we knew we’d be getting a lot of requests for info. No real response from them yet. We should have better guidance tomorrow about the sharing of intel as well as sit rep distro.

On Jan 3, 2021 3:11 PM wrote:

Would like to share Jan 6th intel with his IAM.

Thoughts are getting this or something else approved to share with our partners?

On Jan 3, 2021 3:27 PM wrote:

Thanks so much for understanding! If there is anything that is from another agency, I will gladly go direct with them and get their approval to pass before I do so. If that I will gladly ask them. If there is anything in here that should not be
FYSA we just got this will in contact with to assist.

Thank you.

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From: Date: Jan 3, 2021 10:54 AM
SSA: Subject: Fwd: TEL GUARDIAN
FBI Washington Field
JJTF

With the attachment.

SSA: FBI Washington Field
JJTF

On Jan 3, 2021 10:08 AM wrote:

All - For awareness.

SSA: FBI Washington Field
JJTF

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Supervisory intelligence Analyst

WFO

[desk]
[cell]
Hi! I just attended a Briefing regarding January 6th. Information is below. Let me know what EM will be expecting from us that day.

According to FBI CHS reporting,

Thank you,
I'll talk to EM but I guess since this is a Wednesday...

On Dec 22, 2020 11:00 AM wrote:

Hi! I just attended the MPD Partners Briefing regarding January 6th. Information is below. Let me know what EM will be expecting from us that day.

- According to FBI CHS reporting

Thank you,
Thank you for the guidance. I always defer to you and your team for these matters.

We can talk to each other just so everyone is on the same page going forward, WFO will not be releasing anything outside of WFO EM regarding January 6th events so if you get inquiries please convey this. This was decided by the adic and SACs.

On Jan 4, 2021 12:16 PM, wrote: All, contacted me about threat information regarding 6 January 2021 activities. STOC is receiving internal and external inquiries and while STOC is directing all inquiries to WFO, has one specific inquiry from [redacted] and would like to discuss with any of you. Would any of you be available to reach out to [redacted] after she called me because my dot was green 😊. Thanks!
Morning Jen and Matt,

and I were talking this morning and hoping you can give us some direction for the sit reps. As you are both aware during the last event we were inundated with requests from both external partners and internal FBI entities asking to be included on the sit rep distro, seeing as this event is garnering a lot of attention from the USIC, what is our posture for including outside WFO entities in the sit rep distro?

Also FYI - hopefully everyone is aware So far we’ve been able to get accounts and currently working with the PMs at HQ All this to say, but we’re gonna make it work 😊

Thanks,

Matthew R. Alcoke
Special Agent in Charge
Thanks for bringing this up in advance. We will discuss at our meeting tomorrow with the ADIC and get some direction on how we want to handle the stressful events. I truly appreciate the efforts you all making to try and contain it.

On Jan 3, 2021 12:03 PM I wrote:

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Also FBI folks hope everyone is aware that so far we've been able to get accounts and currently working with the PMs at HQ but we're gonna make it work.

Thanks.

From: Aikoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 12:39 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Cc: D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Re: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

This is a great roll-up and offers a host of good info from which the ADIC may select to help give FBI EM a good optic into the Jan 6 landscape. Please extend my thanks to the JTTF and intel folks who worked on this last night and this morning.

Adding the other SACs for visibility.

Boss, you have follow-up questions or need anything additional.

--Matt

Matthew R. Aikoke
Special Agent in Charge
FBI | Washington Field Office
CT & Critical Incident Mgmt Division

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)
Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:31 PM
To: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI) Aikoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI) D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)
Cc: O'Leary, Steven 
Subject: FBI WFO Update for January 6th Events

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Hi,

I can work and will let you know when I hear back from him.

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Supervisory Intelligence Analyst
Washington Field Office

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 12:59 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: January 6

Hi,

I spoke with and with the Holidays and inauguration events, I thought we should get ahead of this and begin scheduling. I wanted to know if you would be okay with helping with this.

At this time, we will treat this like we did the past two events.

Due Outs:

Personnel:

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 12:59 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: January 6

I'll talk to EM but I guess since

On Dec 22, 2020 11:00 AM, [Redacted] wrote:

FBI(21-cv-572)-8339
We're working on that now and should have something for you tomorrow.

On Dec 30, 2020 3:59 PM, "D’Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)" wrote:

Thanks know this is something the Deputy usually asks me.

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Browse the highlights regarding the 6 January events. As with the events previously:

> Overall Highlights:

> There is anticipation for large numbers at the 6th January event, especially as POTUS has discussed and promoted it.

> POTUS is expected to arrive in DC on 1 January and then a trip to Atlanta on 4 Jan; it does not appear at this time that he or the family was invited to these events or will attend.

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I made a few grammatical changes to the below otherwise I think this answers the tasking. Let me know your thoughts and which of us is submitting to EM.

Good morning! Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Subject: QUICK TURNAROUND: Due Outs for 1/3 Principals Meeting

Happy New Year Team,

Sorry to interrupt your weekend. The ADIC spoke to the Deputy Director this evening and told him what we had for intel and our plans regarding the 6th. He said that the acting SecDef has called for a Principals Meeting at 1 pm tomorrow 1/3. He requested that we get him any updated/additional intel prior to his meeting tomorrow. [Name] will be the main POC to compile the info. Please get everything to her before 9:30 am tomorrow morning. Please cc the whole team on all emails so we are all tracking on the same info. Below is the additional intel that we will need to provide:

Thanks,
looks good to me. Thanks for the review.

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Good morning! Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Just talked to We're all over it.

From: Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:17 PM  
To: Moore, Jennifer Leigh (SecD) (FBI)  
Subject: Fwd: Re: The 6th

Please see the below chain.

The sooner we have the info the better. Keep everyone fed and calm!

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: "D'Antuono, Steven Michael (WF) (FBI)"  
Date: Jan 2, 2021 8:14 PM  
Subject: Re: The 6th  
To: "Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)"  
"Moore, Jennifer L. (WF) (FBI)"  
Cc.

What I could gather from the Deputy is that the focus is no one knows what is going to happen and that scares them so they want to know what the intel is and plan accordingly but that is tough because there really is no centralized role in this for Defense or the Federal government components. This sits squarely in MPD's realm. I'm trying to tamp this down with the Deputy like I have the last couple of protests but this one may be different. I think we should at least get the impression that I didn't get the impression

Steven M. D'Antuono  
Assistant Director in Charge  
FBI - Washington Field Office

From: Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)  
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:03 PM
Ok. Jenn, rather than try to divvy up between you and me, I'd like to ask you to collaborate to put these due-outs together. The op/TFO team will likely be able to solicit any answers they don't already know from their home agencies, and I imagine the Intel team already has some of this shaped up too. Does that sound ok to you?

Steve, I'll confirm, but I believe the intel and ops teams...

Thanks--
--Matt

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Hey Jenn and Matt,

Sorry to bother you both on a Saturday night. Hope you both had a nice New Years. I spoke to the Deputy this evening and told him what we had for intel and our plans regarding the 6th. He said that the acting SecDef has called for a Principals Meeting at 1 pm tomorrow. He requested that I get him any updated/additional intel prior to his afternoon meeting tomorrow.

I'm thinking additional intel would be:

He also threw at me a 'suggestion' He stated he was thinking Matt, let's put something together

If I could have something by mid-morning so I can send over to him before his 1 pm meeting I would greatly appreciate it 😊
I assume we only have the info from last Tuesday's partners call. Can definitely be point to pull this info together. What do you think our deadline is to get this info together and to the Bosses?

*Sent from Samsung Email*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: "Alcoke, Matthew R. (WF) (FBI)"
Date: Jan 2, 2021 8:14 PM
Subject: Fwd: The 6th

Hi Jenn and Matt,

Happy New Year! I hope you've had a chance to relax a bit. While I'm interrupting the relaxation, I'm hopeful more is on the horizon, come Jan 22.

Sorry for the 11th hour request for some work this evening or first thing in the morning. You'll note below that the ADIC is looking to empower the OD in a Principals’ Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon related to Jan 6. Please put your team and I in the loop to answer the due-outs below. NLT mid-morning tomorrow. Also, please LMK if my memory is correct.

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Thanks much--
--Matt

Matthew R. Alcoke
Special Agent in Charge
FBI | Washington Field Office
CI & Critical Incident Mgr Division

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Ok cool. If you want to send to the team and I'll call to talk it over with her. I think we should try to have a draft response by 9am so you and I can review and then push up.

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:34 PM 
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: Re: The 6th

Yeah should be that. I think the ADIC is looking to have it by mid-morning tomorrow at the latest.

*From Samsung Email*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
FBI Washington Field Office

Cell: [Redacted]  
Desk: [Redacted]  

On Jan 2, 2021 8:34 PM, [redacted] wrote:  
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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, January 2, 2021 8:28 PM 
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: Re: The 6th

*From Samsung Email*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
FBI Washington Field Office

Cell: [Redacted]  
Desk: [Redacted]  

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From: "Akeoke, Matthew R. (WI) (1 BI)"  
Date: Jan 2, 2021 8:14 PM  
Subject: Re: The 6th

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Later is fine.

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On Dec 30, 2020 5:05 PM, [Illegible] wrote:

[Illegible] is in the process of putting together a report of what we know so far pertaining to 6 January. She will complete the report tonight. Do you need this right now or can we include in the report?

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On Dec 30, 2020 4:23 PM, [Illegible] wrote:

Do we have [Illegible]?
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Thanks,

Staff Operations Specialist

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Respectfully,

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Date: Jan 5, 2021 7:34 PM
Subject: Fwd: BOLO for
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Cc:

Please see below for awareness.

Thank you,

Intelligence Analyst
FBI Washington Field Office

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From
Date: Jan 5, 2021 6:19 PM
Subject: BOLO for
To:
Cc:

Hello all,

Please feel to disseminate this BOLO to our local, state, and federal partners. Below is the relevant FII, as well as, an Officer Safety Statement. Thank you.

Officer Safety Statement:

subject is encountered, please contact the or me.

Subject Biodata:

A photo is attached to this email.

- Vehicle info -
On Jan 4, 2021 8:37 PM,

Hey All

------ Forwarded message -------

From: 
Date: Jan 4, 2021 8:27 PM
Subject: RE: [FBI(2.1-cv-572)]-8562 Schedule for January 2021

All,

Based on the input we had earlier and some rockstars who volunteered last minute, we have created the schedule below.

If you need any issue with the slot(s) you have been given, please let me know right away and I will work on making the changes.

Again, many thanks in advance for answering the call once again. Please let me know if you have any questions.
FYI - See below on

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From: [Redacted]
Date: Jan 5, 2021 5:02 PM
Subject: RE: Guardian

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

The gist of it all is as follows:

- He did make the posts, however he does possess firearms, but he has a CCW for them.
- We'll update the Guardian tomorrow.

SSRA
FBI
Mobile

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From: [Redacted]
Date: Jan 5, 2021 3:38 PM
Subject: FW: Guardian

As SA discussed with you, I have attached the Guardian related to threats who made several threatening statements related to [Redacted].

The user of [Redacted] has been fully identified as [Redacted] who currently resides in the [Redacted] area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Special Agent (SA)

Federal Bureau of Investigation | Washington Field Office
Attached below is a copy of the Guardian related to [redacted], who made several threatening statements related to [redacted]. The user of [redacted] has been fully identified as [redacted]. Additional information on [redacted] is included in the Notes section of the attached Guardian.

Best,

[Redacted]
From: BT 1  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:06 PM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: PW: Current Status and Location  

Here is the current situation with  

Total number of SAs  

Location:  

Squad POC  

Special Agent (SA)  

Federal Bureau of Investigation | Washington Field Office  
601 4th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20535  
email:  
cell:  

From: BT 1  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 5:49 PM  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject: Current Status and Location  

FBI(21-cv-572)-8592
This is going to get crazy tonight.

All,

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Touch base with your folks. There are a lot of people causing a disturbance near Capitol. There could be some assaults on federal officials we may need to address so please ensure folks are available if necessary.

ASAC
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Good Morning

Below is what was reported...
FYSA,

All,

please notify FBI police of this information.

Supervisory Special Agent

FBI Washington Field Office
cell
desk
Authorization is granted

Thanks.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Washington Field Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sir,

We would like to do

Please let me know if you have any questions

Respectfully,

Special Agent
Good morning Team,

This is what was just pushed up to the ADIC/SACs for the Deputy Director's meeting this afternoon.

Thanks to everyone for the quick response and turnaround on this. And thanks for putting it all together. Hopefully you get to enjoy the rest of your Sunday.

Take care,

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
FBI Washington Field Office

{U//FOUO} The following list of events is being maintained per request of WFO Executive Management. The items on this list are compiled by FBI partner agencies. FBI WFO does not have any information to suggest these events will involve anything other than first amendment protected activity and is being distributed for situational awareness. Their inclusion here is not intended to associate the protected activity with criminality or a threat to national security, or to infer that such protected activity itself violates federal law. However, based on known intelligence and/or specific, historical observations, it is possible the protected activity could invite a violent reaction towards the subject individual or others in retaliation or with the goal of stopping the protected activity from occurring in the first instance. In the event no violent reaction occurs, FBI policy and federal law dictates that no further record be made of the protected activity.

The following information is current as of 3 January 2021 at 0800. This is for FBI internal use only.
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:32:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: January 6th Morning Update

Good morning!

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:05 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: January 6th Morning Update

[Redacted]
Thank you for advising. I'm sure it will be getting much worse as the day goes on so feel free to come in if bored out there.

Sir,

FYI- let me know if you need me at anytime. I'm on your schedule. I'm just assisting with the FBI HQ movement at the moment. But able to respond to matters.

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)
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Nice, thanks.

On Jan 6, 2021 1:54 PM, wrote:

SUBJECT #1 has been located. His DL is attached.

Agents are in the process of interviewing...
Good Morning All,

Please see attached.

For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit [website link].
Good Morning All,

Please see attached.

“\text{We are here to help}”

For the latest information on the District Government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
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Never pushed send on this. This was debunked. Subject stated he was angry but had no plans.

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Thanks

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Thanks,

Hi all, attached is the SIR for potential criminal activities in the Washington DC area planned for tomorrow (01/06). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

From: | [USMS]@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:56 PM
To: |
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: SIR: Potential Criminal Activities at 'StopTheSteal' Protest in Washington DC

From: | |
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:53 PM
To: |
Cc: |
Subject: SIR: Potential Criminal Activities at 'StopTheSteal' Protest in Washington DC

 Intelligence Analyst
FBI
Mobile
Desk

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From: | _ |
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:57 PM
To: (USMS)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: SIR: Potential Criminal Activities at 'StopTheSteal' Protest in Washington DC

Yes sir!

Cheefs,

intelligence Analyst
FBI | JTF
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FBI
28 December 2020

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From: Fisher, Sue (USAPAE)
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2027 11:39 AM
To: Futcher, Mary
Cc: (USAPAE)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE:
Attachments:

Good morning - Attached is the [Thanks "Sue

From:
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 20241 9:27 AM
To: Futcher, Mary (USAPAE)
Cc:
Subject: RE

Mary and Sue,

Please see the attachment. We do not need a nondisclosure order. Thank you!

From:
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:69 PM
To: Futcher, Mary (USAPAE)
Cc:
Subject:

Hello Mary,

I hope you had a great holiday season!

Let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon.

Thank you,
From: [Name]
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Pfisterer, Eric (USAPAM)
Cc: |
Subject: (EXTERNAL EMAIL - Re: FBI & EOUSA)

Sounds good, Eric. Thank you. We can discuss further on Monday. Nothing pressing at this point. Have a good weekend.

On Dec 31, 2020 3:18 PM, "Pfisterer, Eric (USAPAM)" wrote:
No worries, just keep me posted. I’ll be in Monday unless you need something sooner just shoot me an email.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2020, at 12:44 PM, wrote:
Eric,

Good afternoon. I’m on the desk for this week. On 1/6 they’ll travel to DC for the Electoral College vote. Some of the members have made violent statements, though it’s unclear whether they intend to instigate violence in DC or simply be prepared to respond to violence in kind.

We wanted to give you a heads up that we may request cooperation from MDPA, should there be any federal criminal violations when the members are in MDPA territory, such as felon in possession or communication of threats.

I came down earlier, but wasn’t sure if you’d be back today. I’m happy to come down and discuss further or discuss by phone if you’d like.

Thank you and happy new year,

[Signature]

Special Agent
Division
Resident Agency

Outstanding, thank you.

Deputy US Marshal
Western District of Virginia
Abingdon division
[phone number]
[phone number]
[phone number]

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Sir, a pleasure talking with you on the phone! Please let me know if there’s anything else we can help you with on this matter or another in the future.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Just passing along in case you did not get it.
From
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:34 AM
To:
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fwd: Information that needs follow up

FYSA

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: 
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Information that needs follow up
To: 

Good Morning, and Happy New Year!

I hope you all are doing well, and had a great holiday. I wanted to pass along the below information to you. There will be two pro-Trump caravans traveling through Virginia en route to Washington D.C. in the early morning hours of this Wednesday, January 6th. There is a caravan coming from _______ and then both caravans will be traveling up to D.C. for the third Million MAGA March. Please see the attachments provided by _______ if you come across any information related to this or are able to obtain further, such as _______. Please pass it along to our whole group for awareness and so that it may be shared with and around the state and Metropolitan PD as well.

Thank you, and hope you have a great day.

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From: 
Date: Tue, Dec 29, 2020 at 3:51 PM
Subject: Re: Information that needs follow up
To: 
Cc: 

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On Tue, Dec 29, 2020 at 9:36 AM, [Name] wrote:

Both of these documents have generated significant interest by the Executive Staff. Can you track down the information? Of particular interest are [Redacted] for the Million MAGA March Round 1.

Thanks,

[Name]
IOC INTELLIGENCE:

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ACTIVE CROWDS:

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PENDING TARGETS OR SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST:

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GUARDIAN UPDATES: b7E -1,2,4,5,8

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IOC INTELLIGENCE:

(U//FOUO) Two suspicious devices resulting in a black pipe with red wires protruding found on 300 1st SE. A potential duplicate device was identified outside the 400 Block of Washington and Canal (DNC).

(U//FOUO) As of 1325 hours, USCP reported demonstrators had breached the west front of the Capitol Complex and are climbing the scaffolding of the inaugural stage. USCP and MPD units are responding. Additional reporting from MPD as of 1325 hours indicated individuals throwing bike racks and fireworks near the Capitol. MPD and USCP are reporting injuries. MPD has declared the incident a riot.

(U//FOUO) Update: As of approximately 1420, the Capitol was placed on lockdown, and the certification vote was paused. As of 1430 hours, protestors have entered the Capitol Rotunda. Protestors are deploying pepper spray against USCP officers. The House and Senate floors are being evacuated, as of 1445 hours. As of 1446 hours, shots were fired in the lobby of the House floor. VPOTUS is secure in the Capitol, per USSS as of 1450 hours.

(U//FOUO) As of 1445 hours, the DC Mayor is implementing a curfew beginning at 1800 hours.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

GUARDIAN UPDATES:
Guardian incidents with the #CERTUNREST tag, with as of 1400 hours.

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To: 
Subject: 1/6/21 1200 hours SITREP

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From:
Sent: Wednesday January 6, 2021 10:28 AM
To:
Subject: 1000 hours SITREP

IOC INTELLIGENCE:

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Arrests at 550 12th St. SW-Department of Education

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To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW/ -- UNCLASSIFIED/FOO0-
Attachments: [Redacted]
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Dear [Redacted],

Good evening!

Please see the attached, updated...

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

[Redacted]

Intelligence Analyst
Washington Field Office
Samsung

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Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:53 PM
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Unit Chief
Desk
Mobile

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Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2021 5:42 PM
To:
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE/ -- UNCLASSIFIED/FOO0-

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Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:08 AM

Good evening!

Please see the attached, I added a column we had in ours as well as the case agent. We also had

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Intelligence Analyst

Washington Field Office

Samsung
No issues at all, but please use this version. Also, just to clarify this is intended to be an internal FBI document. Thanks!

If it's ok, we'll add in columns for field SSA, and field SA POC. If you're good with that, we'll use this for our format going forward as well.
Hi all,

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FBI(21-cv-572)-1601
The USMS is requesting access to the WFO VCC for the following USMS personnel to ensure coordination of information between WFO and our operational personnel in the NCR.

Richard Kelly, Assistant Director, Investigative Operations Division
Jennifer Armstrong, Deputy Assistant Director, Investigative Operations Division

Please let me know if you have questions related to this request.

V/R,

[Signature]
Supervisory Intelligence Analyst, Investigative Operations Division (currently in the USMS Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force Intelligence Analyst Branch)

[Phone Number]

U.S. Marshals Service
Investigative Operations Division
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From: Rakoczy, Kathryn [USADC]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:16 PM  
To: — Michelle | Cj |Rosen, Gregory [USADC]  
Lazarus, Jodi Steiger [USADC]  
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: video of identified person rushing capitol

Another possible ID

From: Vaughn, Amanda [USADC]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 9:07 PM  
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Subject: video of identified person rushing capitol

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Good Morning,

[U/FOO] Please see attached The next SITREP will be issued at 1200 hours, unless emerging events occur. Please report any updates or new information to

[U/FOO] There is nothing significant to report for the 1000 hours update.

[U/FOO] Continue to follow your agency's protocol when documenting suspicious behaviors and report to your local law enforcement immediately. [ ] would like to receive a copy of suspicious activity reported to your local enforcement via email

Sent to: LE ALL, Executives

Sent by:  

FBI(21-cv-572)-2954
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FBI(2.1-cv-572)-2958
This is a good overview for today.

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**Forwarded message**

From: "NOC.NDD"  
Date: Jan 6, 2021 6:47 AM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - (U/SENS) National Civil Unrest Summary for 6 January 2021  
To: NOC-DHS-CivilDisurbance-Interagency  
Cc: SBS-All

Please find below this morning's summary of civil unrest. Washington, DC and Portland OR were the only locations that experienced unrest. Kenosha, WI remained peaceful despite the Kenosha District Attorney announcing on Tuesday there will be no charges made against the police officer involved in an August 2020 domestic incident response shooting.

**BLUF:** There were NO incidents of criminal or illegal activity directed at federal facilities or personnel and NO events where DHS law enforcement were deployed.

**Washington, DC:** In DC, approximately 3,000 gathered in Freedom Plaza during the day and into the night. Speakers addressed the crowd and protests remained peaceful until dark. The crowd began to dissipate after dark, but there were numerous altercations near BLM plaza. MPD deployed pepper spray while keeping opposing groups separated during the march / demonstration.  
1. MPD made at least six arrests during the unrest. Two were for firearm charges, two for possession of carrying unregistered ammunition / magazines, one for simple assault, and one for possession of a prohibited weapon (taser).  
2. There were no reported injuries.

Roughly 26 demonstration permits were approved by the US Park Police for 5 to 7 January including Freedom Plaza, Washington Monument, the National Mall Area and the Capitol. Permit application estimates indicate there could be approximately 30,000 people in attendance. At least 55 additional demonstrations have been mentioned on social media for 6 January, but it is unclear whether any are permitted, or if they are subgroups associated with larger demonstrations. Committed attendees for these smaller events appears to be minimal.

POTUS is scheduled to speak at 1100 EST 6 January at a permitted Women for America First event to be held on the White House Ellipse. Per National Park Service, expected attendance is around 5,000 participants. The event is scheduled from 0900 to 1200 EST; USPP is the lead federal agency for the event and USSS is in support.

**Portland, OR:** About 50 people marched to the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) North Precinct. Violent Opportunists threw glass bottles, paint and other objects toward police, blocked traffic with two dumpsters lit on
fire, spray-painted graffiti on multiple store fronts, damaged police vehicle tires using spikes, and repeatedly moved temporary fencing in place outside the precinct.

1. PPB deployed several times to clear roads, restore the fencing, and keep agitators back from the precinct entrance.
2. PPB gave several warnings and made five arrests but did not declare an unlawful assembly or use non-lethal munitions.
3. There were no reported injuries.

The FPS force laydown in Portland for Tuesday evening was 42 (n/c).

**Kenosha, WI:** The Kenosha District Attorney announced there will be no charges made against the police officer involved in a 23 Aug 2020 domestic incident response shooting. Ensuing demonstrations remained peaceful, peaking at around 60 protesters.

There are 851 (-89) National Guard Personnel in GA, WI and DC who remain activated or on standby for civil unrest. The DC National Guard has activated 243 of the planned 340 personnel, with additional activations possible today.

As of today, DHS OPS and National Operations Center coordinated with Federal departments and agencies to identify any additional precautionary actions for enhanced security postures and stood up the DHS Virtual Situation Room effective 0600 EST, 5 Jan to facilitate department and interagency communication and coordination. There are currently no unmet needs.

vfr Mike Arnold  
Duty Director  
DHS Office of Operations Coordination  
DHS National Operations Center (NOC)  
Comm Secure
This communication is intended to provide timely information to homeland security partners for their situational awareness in executing their law enforcement and/or national security missions.

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Update from CERG on 2 suspected pipe bombs below:

MPD and WFO SABTs responding. Counter-Terror Section is prepared to respond to suspected pipe bomb at 300 S Capitol SE (Republican National Committee HQ) and 400 South Capitol SE (Democratic National Committee HQ). Received information from Capitol Police and...
Ma’am,

Please find the latest version of the update.

Thanks,

Jill Sanborn
CTD

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JENSEN, STEVEN J. (CTD) (FBI)
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(U) Current FBI WF Statistics

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- 5 of Access by Local agencies
- 5 of Sentinal FBI Hair Bandaged

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- (U) On 6 January 2021, after two pipe bombs were placed near the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in Washington DC by an UNSUB. As of 7 January 2021.

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On 9 January 2021,

- FBI-WF and NDEP have identified a Person of Interest who may be a match to the description of the individual picking the weapon and cannot afford to identify through surveillance footage.

- FBI-WF is engaged with

(U) Key Updates

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(II) Review

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(II) Resource Requests

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Meeting will be rescheduled after Inauguration Day.

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To: SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI); BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI); 
Sent: January 12, 2021 10:51 AM (UTC-05:00)
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Bosses—

Attached are the latest SITREP and updated quick stat sheet.

Thank you—

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Quick Stats
(Numbers are estimates per day/time of operational updates)

- Open Cases
  - As of 10 January
  - Additional:
- Arrests
- Seeking Information Posters
- Variety of Charges:
  - 18 USC § 1752(a) Restricted Building or Grounds
  - 18 USC § 1752 Unlawful Entry
  - 40 USC § 5104 Unlawful Activities
  - 18 USC § 2101 Riots
  - 18 USC § 231 Civil Disorder
  - 18 USC § 668 Theft of Artifacts
  - 18 USC § 875(c) Interstate Threats
- Digital Evidence Ingested
  - have had an initial review
  - deemed of interest
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(U) Key Updates
Notable Subjects & Disruptions

Subjects Arrested
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(U) Resource Requests


(U//FOUO) On 23 January 2021, requested ____________________________ to conduct network analysis for digital media investigation. FBI WF is not requesting ____________________________ to conduct network analysis for digital media investigation, but is not required.
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Cc: MEADOR, STANLEY M. (DO) (FBI)  
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Sir,

FYI...

Regards,

John

National Security Branch

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script (same one from: brief yesterday) is what all of us will use as briefing script for

Jill Sanborn
Counterterrorism Division

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Sandrea’s script?

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We will also be sending Jodi and the script from yesterday shortly. Sandrea will do tomorrow’s call for

Additionally, I will send that script to all SACs for use in their conversations.

Jill

Jill Sanborn
Counterterrorism Division

From:
From: SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
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Documents so you have them too

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To: |  
Sent: January 12, 2021 11:22 AM (UTC-05:00)
Attachments: Inauguration Threat Brief.docx

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FYI...per your discussion with Jodi...

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(U/FOUO) Sir,

Here's the info you requested:

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(U) Recommended language to OPA for general statement:

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(U) Sen Shumer Letter: Attached above
January 12, 2021

Hon. Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Hon. David Pekoske
Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Director Wray and Administrator Pekoske:

I write to request that you expeditiously place individuals known to have breached the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021 on the No-Fly List to ensure the future security of the United States and its sacred institution of free and democratic elections.

Incited by President Trump, the insurrectionists that violently breached and ransacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6th did so in an attempt to stop the business of the government, including the administrative, ceremonial Electoral College vote count by the joint session of Congress. Americans made their voices heard through elections, through the Electoral College, and through a lawful, constitutionally mandated democratic process. By all reasonable measures, this attack sought to stop a lawful, democratic event in the elections process. It is an attempt to stop democracy as we know it, using domestic terrorism to assault our system of government, thereby qualifying these insurrectionists for the No-Fly List.

This event was not a demonstration of free speech under the first amendment. A demonstration of free speech would have been a peaceful march in Washington, D.C. Instead, incited by President Trump, thousands of insurrectionists stormed the Capitol building and more than 1,000 unlawfully entered the Capitol building resulting in the death of two Capitol Police officers, numerous other severe injuries, and the wanton destruction of federal and personal property as members and staff of Congress fled for their lives.

Not since 1814 has the U.S. Capitol been desecrated by a violent force—and in that instance it was a British troops who burned the Capitol to the ground. For 207 years, and despite all of the challenges America has faced in those 207 years—including the Civil War—America has resolved its differences without desecrating or burning down the sacred locations that symbolize democracy.

In contrast, this was a domestic terrorist attack against the homeland carried out by violent insurrectionists with a flagrant disregard for the rule of law. The perpetrators must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law as they have pledged to continue to disrupt the democratic elections process to further their anti-democratic agenda. This starts with placing known individuals who breached the Capitol Building on the Terrorist Screening Center’s No-Fly List.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious and grave matter. I look forward to your swift response. Should you wish to speak further, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
FYI...I'll fill you in later...

Regards,
John

From: WADE, TERRY (CCRSB) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:16 PM
To: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (IB) (FBI) BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Subject: Sitrep --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

In light of the most current information re the investigation of Officer Sicknick's death, we may need to re-consider the wording in our sitreps. The most recent one says "related to the killing of Capital Police Officer..." Maybe go with "the death of..."

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Boys,

asked to work on this with him for the DIO. Just wanted you to have it as well.

Jill

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Sir,

Below is the information you requested regarding disruptions leading up to, and then following, the breach of the Capitol Complex on 6 January.

Let us know if there's anything else you need! Thanks,

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Disruptions prior to January 6th

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Disruptions following January 6th

- Since the breach of the Capitol Complex on January 6th, the FBI has aggressively pursued all individuals involved.
  
  - **Notable Arrests**
  
  - **Self-Surrenders**
  
- In total, the FBI has arrested on federal charges to date for their involvement in the siege of the US Capitol, with almost as many more pending.
These arrests have taken place locally, Metro PD has arrested close to [redacted] in connection with the breach of the Capitol Complex, and United States Capitol Police arrested [redacted] more.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO
Colleagues,

Good morning. In addition to the information provided during this week's ALL SAC call, I wanted to ensure you had the attached talking points, which I apologize for not getting to you earlier. One is written in a script form and one in more of a bullet format. Feel free to reference these and use them to guide your discussions with your JTTF executive partners. Additionally, these are the talking points both myself and the DD have used on the Hill, so they would be appropriate for conversations with the members in your AOR.

You'll see in the document that we are as such, we encourage you to share anything you see of concern in your area with us.

I would be remiss if I didn't close with a word of thanks. I want to thank everyone in your offices for all they have done. This is truly an effort that involves every single field office and I’m grateful for both the speed with which your offices have responded, and the thoroughness of the work that you've done and will do over the next few weeks. I couldn't be more proud of the work we are doing together.

As always, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or needs.

Respectfully,

Jill
Sir,

Attached is the request for the nomination process.

V/r,

From: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:34 AM
To: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Understood.

For your awareness, we haven’t spoken much publicly about what it means to...

All that said, we will support the Director’s Office however they want to handle it.

Details on as requested to follow soonest. Our folks are working on it now....

Jason
From: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:23 AM
To: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI) KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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Jason

Can you send the response to me and the EAD as I may be away from my desk.

Jodi Cohen
CoS for EAD John Brown
National Security Branch
Office: 
Cell: 

From: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI) 
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:03 AM
To: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI) KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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Jodi,

Tasker received. Adding who will manage the tasker for us. ...

Jason

From: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 9:52 AM
To: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI) KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Subject: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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Good morning,

This morning in the morning meeting EAD Brown briefing the numbers you guys provided last night and discussed a little bit about: The request is for you to either send a detailed email on the process of or if you already have a powerpoint etc. The director will be in front of the media today and wants a better understanding of the process from start to finish. 

If you need more context please give me a call.
Gentlemen,

Please call me. thank you.

Regards,

John

National Security Branch:

[Desk]

[Cell]

[NSB]

[TSC]

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Sir,

Attached is the request for the nomination process.

V/r,

Chris
FBI (21cv1168)-4809

From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: TSC Info --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO-
To: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: January 14, 2021 12:17 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Shumer Letter.pdf

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

FYI...

Regards,
John
National Security Branch

From: KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:40 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI) COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)

Subject: TSC Info --- UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO-

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/FOUO

(U/FOUO) Sir,

Here's the info you requested:

FBI (21cv1168)-4809
From:  
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED  
To: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI); COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI); KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI); BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)  
Cc:  
Sent: January 14, 2021 1:26 PM (UTC-05:00)  
Attached:  

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Sir,

Attached is an updated executive summary.

Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

V/R,


From:  
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:04 PM  
To: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI); KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI); BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED  

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Sir,

Attached is the request for the nomination process.

V/R,
Apologies.

I made a couple of additional edits.

Jason

Sir,

Attached is an updated executive summary.

Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

V/R,
Thank you for taking the time. Jodi is going to call with a few questions. But, thank you again...we know this was not how you expected to spend your day.

Regards,
John
National Security Branch

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From: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:38 PM
To: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)  KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)  BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Apologies,

I made a couple of additional edits.

jason

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Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 1:26 PM
To: COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)  BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: 
Subject: RE: request --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Sir,

Attached is an updated executive summary.
Sir,

Updated number as of 1530 hours today:

\[ b7E -1,3 \]

SK

TSC
Sirs,

Please see the attached memo summarizing what we know right now about the two data sets. All reviewed and coordinated on this. Welcome any questions, but as you'll see, the first data set is pretty self-explanatory. The second data set is where we would anticipate more discussion needed. Both data sets are related primarily to

Thanks much and look forward to the discussion,

Nikki

DAD Nikki L. Floris
Counterintelligence Division

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FYI...

Regards,
John
National Security Branch

From: KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:40 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI) COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thursday’s TSC Numbers --- UNCLASSIFIED/

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/

Sir,

Our number as of right now

Additionally, FYI, we continue to watch for

SK
TSC

From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 10:24 AM
Sandy,

Have we seen

Regards,
John

National Security Branch

From: KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:42 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)

Subject: RE: Thursday's TSC Numbers — UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

Sir,

Updated number as of 1530 hours today:

SK
TSC

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Roger... keep us all apprised. Adding Jill... also please ensure [redacted] and Jill are immediately notified as well. Thank you.

Regards,
John
National Security Branch
  (Desk)
  (Cell)

From: KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 12:40 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI); COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI); SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thursday's TSC Numbers --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/AES

Sir,

Our number as of right now, [redacted]

Additionally, FYI, we continue to watch for [redacted]

SK
TSC

From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Thursday's TSC Numbers --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES
To: KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI); COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI); SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: January 15, 2021 12:55 PM (UTC-05:00)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/AES

Roger... keep us all apprised. Adding Jill... also please ensure [redacted] and Jill are immediately notified as well. Thank you.

Regards,
John
National Security Branch
  (Desk)
  (Cell)
TRANSITORY RECORD

(U) [redacted] has identified the following notable intelligence themes through the ongoing intelligence review process and engagement with Field Office partners.
(U) CERTUNREST2021

[U] CTD Investigative Summary: 16 January 2021

At approximately 1400 on 6 January 2021, a number of individuals illegally entered the US Capitol Building during the certification of Electoral College votes. The certification was paused until the building was safe for elected officials and their staffs to return. As of 6 January 2021, the FBI is working with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to investigate and identify federal criminal violations that occurred during the illegal entry, including those who damaged federal property and assaulted federal officers. On 7 January 2021, FBI Washington opened a Rioting Act investigation for the civil unrest that occurred at the US Capitol building. As of 1000 on 19 February 2021.

(U) Current Statistics

| Case Breakdown: |
|-----------------|---|
| Total Predicated Investigations | |

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UNCLASSIFIED/LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

(U/AFOO) Arrest Details:

Subjects Arrested

Pending Arrests (<24 hours)

(U/FOOU) FBI Field Office breakdown of arrests anticipated to occur within the next 24 hours:

- (U/FOOU) On 6 January 2021, after two pipe bombs were placed near the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in Washington DC by an UNSUB. On 9 January 2021,

- FBI WF and US Capitol Police (USCP) identified a Person of Interest who may be a match to the description of the individual placing the bombs and continue efforts to identify through surveillance footage. Additionally, a Person of Interest was identified taking photographs in the vicinity of the buildings and a Wanted Poster has been generated.

UNCLASSIFIED/LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
(U) Persons of Interest within.

(U) Key Updates

b7a -1
b7e -1,2,5,8,9

b6 -3
b7c -3
b7e -1,2,5,8,9,15
(U) Local Arrest Data

(U//FOlO) On 6 January 2021, Metropolitan Police Department arrested individuals as a result of the riots. The following three individuals returned positive hits in FBI holdings:

- b6 - 3
- b7A - 1
- b7C - 3
- b7E - 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13

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- b6 - 3
- b7A - 1
- b7C - 3
- b7E - 1, 2, 4, 5, 9

(U) Review

b7E - 1, 4, 5, 15
(U) Resource Requests

(U/APOtte) On 9 January 2021, FBI WF requested for immediate deployment to . On 10 January 2021, Deployed in support of FBI WF with to deploy on 11 January 2021.

(U/APOtte) On 11 January 2021, identified an to provide immediate TDY support to WFO. will augment to provide

(U/APOtte) On 12 January 2021, requested an to assist with digital media review/triage. The personnel can be The review of the media can be done remotely and does not require travel to WFO. Personnel must be willing to testify. Familiarity with digital media review is preferred, but not required.
(U) CERTUNREST2021

(U) CTD Investigative Summary: 17 January 2021

(U/FOO) This document is meant as a summary of significant investigative highlights and NOT as a comprehensive review of the investigation. The information contained in this communication is NOT to be incorporated into any formal or informal written document without the authorization of the FBI Headquarters, Counterterrorism Division Program Management Unit Chief. Unauthorized use of this information may jeopardize sensitive national security investigations, result in the possible identification and/or physical harm of human sources, or create undue notification into the FBI's interest of the intended target.

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{U/FOUO} Predicated subjects with current potential travel

{U/FOUO} Arrest Details:

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- b7E -1, 2, 4, 5, 9

(U) Review

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On 16 January 2021, FBI WF requested [Redacted] and assist with the intelligence review of all intake for [Redacted].
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Thanks Mo!

I believe Sandy may be on tap to participate in at least one of these focused on CT.

Jill

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From: ORLANDO, MICHAEL J. (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 10:12 AM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI); SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
Subject: Inauguration Day: NSC threat SVTCs --- UNCLASSIFIED

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi,

Tomorrow at around 10am, the “new NSC” will come online and they plan to have “threat SVTCs” several times tomorrow. This is being led by Lisa Monaco who is the Homeland Security Advisor for Inauguration. The A/DNI asked me to join her for these calls in case there is a foreign aspect. I’m plugged in with if you need anything, I’ll be at LX or if I hear anything of note from any of the other participants—I’ll reach out.

Best,

Mike
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Best,

Mike
From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Daily Numbers for Capitol Event --- UNCLASSIFIED/#FES-  
To: SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI); COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI); KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI); HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI);  
Cc:  
Sent: January 19, 2021 6:32 PM (UTC-05:00)  

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/#FES-

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Thank you

Regards,
John

National Security Branch
(DAS)
(Call)
(NTSB)
(TS)

From:

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:00 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
KABLE, CHARLES H. (TSC) (FBI)
HERRING, JASON V. (TSC) (FBI)

Cc:  

Subject: Daily Numbers for Capitol Event --- UNCLASSIFIED/#FES-

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/#FES-

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All:

Here are the numbers for 19 January related to the Capitol event:

FBI(21cv1168)-4997
Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be sending this on UNET as well so you are able to see the data.

Thanks!

b6 -1, 3
b7A -1
b7C -1, 3
b7E -1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9
FYI

From: DUGAN, BRIAN C. (NF) (FBI)
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:25 AM
To: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (IB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: SIR Dissemination and feedback --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES-
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/AES-

Steve, I will find the actual SIR so you can see the images. Below is the distro from the SIA.

Brian

From: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 10:02 AM
To: DUGAN, BRIAN C. (NF) (FBI)
Cc: WADE, TERRY (CCRSB) (FBI)
Subject: RE: SIR Dissemination and feedback --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES-
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/AES-

Thank you for the loop back.

Best - FYI

Regards,

From: LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (IB) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:59 AM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI); SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
Cc: WADE, TERRY (CCRSB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: SIR Dissemination and feedback --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES-
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/AES-
Boss,

Per your request we provided formal Dissemination of the following:

We have yet to receive any feedback on the product but I am in communication with [ ] and will press them once things simmer down on that end. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

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b6 -1

b7A -1

b7C -1

b7E -1,2,3,5,8,10,13

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/ //b8

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In light of the most current information re the investigation of Officer Sicknick’s death, we may need to re-consider the wording in our sitreps. The most recent one says “related to the killing of Capital Police Officer....” Maybe go with “the death of....”
From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
Subject: FW: TPs for your use --- UNCLASSIFIED/AES
To: WADE, TERRY (CCRSB) (FBI); LAYCOCK, STEPHEN C. (IB) (FBI); JONES, DARRIN E. (STB) (FBI); GAVIN, MICHAEL T. (ITADD) (FBI); SALLET, JEFFREY S. (HRB) (FBI); SCHLENDORF, DAVID W. (FFD) (FBI)
Cc: ABBATE, PAUL M. (DO) (FBI); MEADOR, STANLEY M. (DO) (FBI); COHEN, JODI (NSB) (FBI)
Sent: January 14, 2021 1:25 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: Inauguration Threat Brief - DD Updated FINAL.docx, Inauguration Threat Brief - DD FINAL.docx

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Regards,
John
National Security Branch

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From: SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, Jan 14, 2021 11:02 AM
To:
Cc: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)

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Colleagues,

Good morning. In addition to the information provided during this week’s ALL SAC call, I wanted to ensure you had the attached talking points, which I apologize for not getting to you earlier. One is written in a script form and one in more of a bullet format. Feel free to reference these and use them to guide your discussions with your JTTF executive partners. Additionally, these are the talking points both myself and the DD have used on the Hill, so they would be appropriate for conversations with the members in your AOR.

You’ll see in the document that we are — as such, we encourage you to share anything you see of concern in your area with us.

I would be remiss if I didn’t close with a word of thanks. I want to thank everyone in your offices for all they have done. This is truly an effort that involves every single field office and I’m grateful for both the speed with which your offices have responded, and the thoroughness of the work that you’ve done and will do over the next few weeks. I couldn’t be more proud of the work we are doing together.

As always, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or needs.

Respectfully,
Gentlemen,

I have not had a chance to review this yet, but wanted to get it in your hands soonest for greater discussion.

Thank you.

Regards,

John

National Security Branch

From: FLORIS, NIKKI L. (CD) (FBI)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:11 PM
To: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI); JONES, JASON A. (OGC) (FBI)
Cc: SANBORN, JILL (CTD) (FBI); KELLY, KRISTYN E. (CTD) (FBI); KOHLER JR, ALAN E. (CD) (FBI)
From: BROWN, JOHN A. (NSB) (FBI)
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Thanks much and look forward to the discussion,

Nikki

DAD Nikki L. Floris
Counterintelligence Division

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Great points Mike. Have you talked to Hale about point #1. The AG is giving a presser today and not sure what input we have but may be worth floating to him and for Jill in CTD on point #2. They have a ton of wanted posters out on folks of interest in the capitol too. Give Jill a shout and see what can be done on that front.

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Just saw your second email you already handled my thoughts

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Thanks. The only part I need for today is correct? If not we should be messaging and coordinating with the field to

Steve – rough outline on paper of our

Also attached is the most recent draft of our SITREP (not gone final though)

Travis

Travis D. Carlisle | Deputy Assistant Director | Directorate of Intelligence

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - DOJ OPA - Barnett arrest release
To: Tyson, Jill C. (OCA) (FBI); Brown, John A. (NSB) (FBI)
Cc: Hale, Brian Patrick (OPA) (FBI)
Sent: January 8, 2021 12:28 PM (UTC-05:00)
Attached: 2021 01 07 6930 Barnett Arrest Release QUOTES.docx

FYSA—draft of Barnett.

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From: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) <Joshua.Stueve@usdoj.gov>
Date: Jan 8, 2021 10:14 AM
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - DOJ OPA - Barnett arrest release
To: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (JMD) <Kristina.Mastropasqua@usdoj.gov>
Cc: 

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Joshua Stueve
Boss, Brian and Jill,

You all might already be tracking but two significant announcements coming....

1. The arrest of Barnett, people who was in the speaker's house (ADIC quote)... and
2. The below announcement of charges on the below 15 (DIR Quote)... this too includes a mention of Barnett

From: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)  
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 10:14 AM

This is a draft but gives you a sense of where we’re going. Still need to confirm...

We need to get this out by 11:30am so that media has it in advance of a 1pm media call we have scheduled. Again, I’m sorry for the quick ask for quotes.
Good news on Barnett and this press release/announcement will be great. Thank you much.

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